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Man jailed for eight years after robbery rampage

A SERIAL robber from Penarth has received an extended sentence at Cardiff Crown Court, after taking part in a rampage of crime.

Daniel Jones (34) was branded by Judge Jeremy Jenkins as a "dangerous offender" and was jailed for eight years and four months. He will be on licence for a further three years.

Jones, of Cornerswell Road, admitted five charges of robbery and the same number for possessing a bladed article.

Judge Jenkins said he believed there was a

by AJ
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significant risk of Jones reoffending.

He pointed out that he had exploited in a cruel way the vulnerability of his victims.

It was revealed that Jones had a record of 96 previous offences, including robbery, theft, causing grievous bodily harm and possessing heroin.

Andrew Davies, prosecuting, said that in the early hours of Sunday, February 13, Jones and a woman got into a taxi in the Riverside area of Cardiff and told the driver to take them to Barry, stopping

en route via a cash point in Penarth Road.

Jones then took from his waistband a 12-inch knife, terrifying the driver as it was held to his head and Jones shouted: "Give me all your money, or I'll kill you."

The victim handed over £200 before the couple ran off. Later that day, Jones committed another robbery at Lifestyle Express in Cowbridge Road East, Canton.

Brandishing a potato peeler, he told the shopkeeper to open the till, but bravely, she refused and said the police were on their way.

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PROMOTION DREAM IS REAL FOR BARRY TOWN UNITED!



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Remembering Morgan at a beautiful spot

Morgan's bench at Jackson's Bay.



A MEMORIAL bench has been installed at a Barry beach in tribute to a teenager who recently tragically lost his life in the town.

The bench featuring a memorial plaque in tribute to Morgan Ackerman has been installed at the Jackson's Bay beach in Barry.

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ABOVE: Barry Town United were celebrating promotion to the Welsh Premier League on Tuesday night after a 3-0 win against Goytre United - read the match report from the game and more pictures on page 40.

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A simple test 'could save your life'

HAVING recently read an article in The GEM on April 6 regarding the amount of people taking up the 'bowel cancer screening test', I would urge everyone to take the test. It is a simple painless procedure that could save your life.

I recently turned 60 and suffered a most horrendous stomach upset, which lasted quite a few weeks, I attended my GP twice and they sent off a sample which came back okay.

However, in the meantime I received a bowel testing kit from Bowel Cancer Wales through the post.

I completed the test and sent it off. In less than a week there was another kit sent through the post explaining that blood had been detected in the sample; whilst this was not necessarily anything to be concerned about, the message was 'Could I complete a second test?'

The second test was completed and again in less than a week I received a letter informing me that the second test highlighted blood in the sample and could I telephone to arrange a convenient time to discuss the matter with a specialist screening practitioner.

The practitioner called me at the arranged time explaining that I would possibly need a colonoscopy, talked through my medical history and arranged a convenient time two weeks later for me to attend Llandough Hospital for the procedure.

At all times she was positive, clear and concise explaining everything thoroughly and asked if I had any questions; if I thought of anything after the call she left her direct contact number.

The letter and details for the preparation for the test was received within 48 hours.

I attended hospital for the procedure, all the staff were extremely efficient and helpful.

The procedure itself was carried out by the bowel surgeon who kept me informed at all times and my lovely practitioner stayed with me the whole time chatting and keeping me calm.

A polyp was detected, removed immediately and sent off for analysis.

It was explained that this was not necessarily cancerous but I would have the results back early next week (normally sooner but the Bank Holiday has intervened).

I had a full written report of the procedure handed to me by my practitioner who once again took time to talk me through everything and keep me positive.

The timescale for this has been under five weeks and the experience can only be described as efficient, dignified, caring and informative.

Thank you to all the staff concerned and I am confident that no matter what the outcome of the results, I am lucky to be attended by such an excellent team of professionals.

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BARRY INCINERATOR PICTURED FROM THE AIR



Photograph by Ade Pitman.

HAVING seen all the letters in last week's GEM regarding the Barry Incinerator, I thought the photo I took of it during a flying lesson may be of interest to readers.

Ade Pitman, Barry. (GEM NOTE: The incinerator, aka the gasification plant, is ringed above.)

Cheerful staff keep the area spotless

I WRITE in reply to ML Healey's letter in The GEM's April 6 edition. While I agree in principle with her opinion on the number of bins on top of the newly-refurbished eastern shelter, it does seem whoever decides the number and location of bins has never visited the island.

I do, however, strongly object to what would seem a criticism of the job done by the council staff employed in emptying the

numerous bins.

If she had been on the Island on the weekend of April 8-9, she would have witnessed the excellent job carried out under difficult circumstances by the cheerful council staff, keeping the Promenade, the gardens overlooking the Promenade, the Parade gardens and the Knap spotlessly clean throughout the weekend.

I am not sure how they would be able to do this without having close access to a vehicle.

Well done to them – I think they do an excellent job throughout the year.

K Ewington, Barry.

Cost of social care is a 'time bomb'

I ENDORSE the comments of Mario Kreft, Chair of Care Forum Wales, 'Changes will widen £40m black hole in social care funding', (The GEM, April 13).

It is welcome news that the capital limit will be increased from £24,000 to £50,000, as it means that people will be able to keep more of their own money before they are asked to pay towards the cost of residential social care.

But expecting local councils to make up the difference is the wrong

way to go.

Council tax, which is based on property values, is a regressive way of raising money that takes no account of an individual's ability to pay.

The cost of social care is a demographic time-bomb and the Welsh Government should be stepping up with a centrally-funded solution, not expecting the councils to raise the shortfall out of council tax, from local people who already think the cost of council tax is too high.

Coun Adam Riley (Independent), Rhooose Ward.

'Relocate biomass incinerator near to councillors' homes'

I THINK the biomass incinerator should be relocated to somewhere in the rural Vale near Cowbridge, and near the homes of the councillors who deem it safe.

Let them worry about the effects of this dangerous monstrosity on their homes and families.

Let them worry about the transportation of extremely hazardous bottom ash by lorry, on their roads.

When I first got involved in the protests some years ago after biomass first raised its ugly head, a Vale councillor asked me as we stood on the proposed site, "Where do you live?"

I said: "Over there, on Barry Island."

The councillor replied: "You'll be alright then. The wind comes in this direction," as if the wind is only in

one direction and heaven help those who live on Dock View Road, Cardiff Road, Cadoxton, and Dinas Powys.

The building of this project has gone ahead without a licence. It must never be allowed to go ahead.

It will have a hugely negative impact on this town, which is struggling to find a new, fresh identity, attracting holiday makers, water sports enthusiasts and the like.

There are hundreds of new homes in close proximity to this blot on the landscape.

Clean air is crucial for people and wildlife. The lives of many vulnerable people are likely to be shortened. The incinerator is totally incompatible with regeneration plans.

Please send your objections to permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk; application no. PAN-000869.

Diane Mitchell, Barry.

Whitewell Road one-way trial

AFTER an overwhelming consensus from residents of Whitewell Road and adjacent areas, there has been a call to increase safety for residents and users by turning Whitewell Road into a one-way street.

Since then, I have arranged two site visits, two expert opinions from highway engineers, periodic 'drive-throughs' by the director responsible for highways and even the managing director of the Vale Council.

I called a series of meetings culminating in a meeting with the managing director, the director for highways and a senior highway engineer which took place on April 11.

As a result of that meeting, I have received an email from Coun Peter King, cabinet member for building services, highways and transportation which reads: "I write with reference to your longstanding concerns of traffic safety on Whitewell Road in Barry."

"As you will be aware, at your behest, in February this year the council's traffic engineers undertook a series of assessments to record traffic movements, volumes

and speeds along this route to establish if it would benefit from a 'one way only' traffic scheme.

"Whilst there is no compelling evidence to suggest that this would solve all the problems currently being experienced, I would be happy in my role as cabinet member for building services, highways and transportation, to recommend to a future meeting of the council's cabinet that they

authorise the introduction of an experimental 'one way only' traffic order for Whitewell Road, so that the possible benefits and any drawbacks of such a scheme can be properly assessed.

"I trust this meets with your approval."

This trial is part of wider consultation process which will, of course, include our local residents enabling us all to observe the trial, make our own assessment and share our conclusions which will inform those who will make a future decision.

As a local councillor, I am tenacious when representing Dyfan residents and I am delighted that I have ensured that the voice of local people continues to be heard.

Coun Anthony Powell, Barry.

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Bypass and housing are key issues during local election

PLAID CYMRU claim a Conservative manifesto launch in Dinas Powys last week had an ironic twist to it because they were voicing support for a local bypass.

Plaid Cymru's Richard Grigg said the flaw in the event was the fact that many Conservative councillors had actually voted against a bypass.

The Conservatives explained they had not supported Plaid councillors because they had put forward an 'ad hoc proposal', and for a project to succeed it needed to be properly costed, and finance secured.

Plaid's Mr Grigg said: "When the Conservative councillors could have clearly showed a real level of support (for a bypass) they did the opposite. They voted down a Plaid Cymru proposal to include a bypass in the Vale's Local Transport Plan.

"This plan set out the Vale's priorities and is vital when negotiating with the Government for the necessary cash.

"We warned that adding 10,000 houses to the Vale without the

necessary roads and public transport was simply going to clog up our communities.

"We objected to allocating the land at the former St Cyres School at Murch Road for housing. Although it would cross the path of the bypass, the Conservative councillors went ahead and voted to build on the site.

"However, what they forgot to tell people is that in the original plan, Conservatives wanted to build even more houses on the land. Now they complain about the extra traffic being created.

"So what has made this issue so different now? Simply, Dinas Powys is now the number one target in Wales for the Conservative bid for power. As soon as the election is over, they will forget all about the traffic problems that they have caused."

John Thomas, of the Conservatives, responded:

"Conservative councillors did not support the proposal by Plaid Cymru to include the Dinas Powys bypass in the transport plan as it would not have been appropriate to do so.

"For the Transport Plan to be acceptable to

Welsh Government all projects need to be costed and finance needs to be secured, this was not the case at the time and if the Plaid proposal had been passed the plan would have been sent back to the Vale to be amended.

"This is typical of the way in which Plaid Cymru works, putting ad hoc proposals before council with no consideration of the consequences of their actions."

Coun Thomas said housing wasn't simply a matter for Vale councillors.

"Regarding the target to build 10,000 houses in the Vale, councillors of all parties are well aware that this has been forced upon the Vale by Welsh Government and it is blatant electioneering to quote how members voted on planning applications when, as I have said previously, these are quasi judicial decisions which cannot be whipped although the remarks of Mr Grigg's would make you question the impartiality of the Plaid Cymru group."

'Energy licence consultation deadline should really be a year'

PEOPLE campaigning against the energy plant being built at the docks have welcomed a decision by Natural Resources Wales to extend the period for consultation on the licence beyond the original May 8 deadline.

Alexis Liasatos, who led the recent protest in King Square, Barry, told The GEM he thought the consultation should be extended by 12 months.

He explained: "We would like a bare minimum of six months extra, but ideally it would be a year.

"A year would enable a proper check on wind patterns throughout the seasons."

He said that the proximity of the town to the plant, which is currently under construction, was "being glossed over", and that Biomass data was not independent.

Mr Liasatos said there was a fear that "pollution would hang over the town".

lingering over homes and schools.

Campaigners say they estimate that around 400 people attended the protest at King Square with around 320 taking part in the march down Holton Road to the Civic Offices.

Natural Resources Wales has confirmed that it will extend the deadline on submissions in relation to the plant licence, but has not yet announced how long the consultation period will be extended by.

'PIP 2' hosted at Porthkerry

THIS year, Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club are holding their PIP 2 (Party In the Park) at Porthkerry Country Park on August 6 this summer.

It is a follow-up to last year's event.

A spokeswoman said: "We are hoping to make this year's event as much of a success and hope that more will attend on the day.

"On the day there will be barbecue, entertainment, competitions and music. Everyone's encouraged to take part with what's in store."

"The tickets for the event are £2 per person and can be purchased on each Saturday when the swimming club is running, at 4.45pm, except on gala days. More information will follow soon!"

Bench to remember Morgan at a beautiful spot on Barry Island

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Morgan (16) who his family said "was loved by everyone who knew him", was involved in a road traffic collision at the Witchell.

The bench, which is owned by the port authority ABP, was refurbished by local charity worker Sue Eldridge to an excellent standard at no cost.

During refurbishment, a local councillor issued a request for support to install a memorial plaque - due to the kindness and generosity of both the Laundry Rooms in Barry and Coun Richard Bertin enough money was

raised to pay for a plaque.

The Vale Council parks department then had the plaque inscribed with the words requested by his mother Leanne Owens and installed it again at no cost.

It is now hoped the new Mayor of Barry will officially unveil the plaque after the May local council elections.

Morgan's mother Leanne is very grateful to everyone who helped manage to get the bench as a tribute to him.

She said: "I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been involved in getting this memorial bench in memory of my son Morgan."

"I can now sit at this lovely location with such beautiful views and have some wonderful memories."

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Man jailed after rampage

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Jones walked behind the counter and made off with tobacco worth £50.

In the afternoon of that day, he went to Lloyds Bank in the same road. With his hood up, he requested cash. Instead of taking out his bank card, he took out a stolen knife and demanded the money,

jabbing the weapon towards a member of staff.

Mr Davies said he fled with about £1,500.

In a victim impact statement, the bank manager said she had feared for the safety of her staff.

His next target, said Mr Davies, was McDonalds in the Capital Retail Park, Leckwith, in the early hours of February 16, when he climbed over the counter armed with a knife, demanding money, saying: "If you listen to me, no-one will get hurt."

On this occasion, he made off with £195 in notes and a large amount in coins. The following day, he robbed a post office, holding a six-inch knife.

The victim was told to hand over the money before he took £7,000 in cash.

Acting on intelligence, the police spotted Jones in the Cardiff Bay area, smoking crack cocaine. He had on him £2,000.

His counsel, Kevin Seal, said Jones had shown great remorse, but had relapsed into the use of drugs following the breakdown of a relationship.

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Are you planning a 'Great Get Together' in Rhoose in June?

STREET parties and fetes are being organised in towns, villages and communities right the way across the UK on the weekend of June 17 and 18 June in an event which was launched by the Duchess of Cornwall, called 'The Great Get

Together'.

It is endorsed by many national charities, including Help For Heroes, The Royal British Legion, Action Against Hunger and The Women's Institute, and the purpose is to bring together everybody in your community to celebrate all the things that we share and have in common, and to raise funds for local projects

'Picnic Penarth' set for end of April

PENARTH Town Council is delighted to announce that Picnic Penarth will return for its third feast on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30.

Rob Rushton, marketing manager at CoverBuilder, said: "We're really excited to be a lead supporter of Picnic Penarth in 2017, particularly since it takes place on our office doorstep."

"Many of our staff members attended and experienced the amazing atmosphere last year, so it was naturally something we jumped at the chance to support."

Organisers said: "Last year's event was attended by more than 10,000 people. We want to make sure that this April is

better than ever."

With the co-operation of Arriva Trains Wales and businesses around Station Approach, a road closure will be in place from the junction of Station Approach and Victoria Road from 6pm on Saturday, April 29 and 9pm on April 30.

Stewards will be in attendance from 8am on Friday, April 28 to direct drivers to alternative parking and to assist train passengers accessing the station.

Information about vendors taking part, as well as timings and music, will be revealed in the coming weeks via social media and our website.

Follow us @picnicpenarth for regular updates!

and groups that might otherwise not get the funding they need.

In Rhoose, we intend to use some of the money raised to set up a fund to buy the village Christmas lights this year, something we have had to do without for many years which have been sadly missed.

The timing of these events also commemorates one year since the murder of MP Jo Cox, a campaigner for tolerance and compassion in our communities.

The eventualities to be the biggest party the village has ever seen.

Entry is free, so even if money is tight (as it is for so many of us) you can still come down and join in. This expo is planned to be the antidote.

It is also an event run entirely by the community, for the community, and that is why we need your help. Chair of the organising committee, Graham Loveluck-Edwards has told us: "Everyone we talk to about this event, says it's exactly the sort of thing we need in Rhoose and we haven't seen anything like it since the carnivals, which stopped 30 years ago."

"All the organisation is being done by a small group of volunteers who are doing this in our spare time, so we need people to come to us, rather than wait for us to find them to make sure this event is a success."

"If you are a local business who might be interested in sponsorship or to donate money or resource, if you run a local group or society and want to take part in the expo, or if you can dance or sing or entertain and want to enter the Rhoose's Got Talent competition, please get in touch with me by emailing me at grahamle4rhoose@gmail.com or via our Facebook page."

We also want to hear from anyone wishing to volunteer to help running a stall or setting up the event, so please get in touch with any of us.

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Children had worked hard on their phenomenal creations, chicks, rabbits, and light-up carrots were the order of the day!

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Peace of mind for local club

AFTER a recent spate of break-ins at the centre on the Mole, the OWT trustees said they were "delighted" that local company VOG Fire & Security has donated high definition cameras with night vision, to record all activity at the site, including unwanted visitors.

Last year the BCWAC held a successful open day when a number of people registered an interest in using their sailing dinghies on Barry Dock. The Ocean Watersports Trust has now set up the Waterfront Leisure Club, which permits the public to join the club and to use their own craft for sailing, on the dock waters.

The times for use will be limited and coordinated with the other

voluntary organisations and clubs. All users have to comply with the regulations laid down by Associated British Ports, as well as OWT rules etc and work under the supervision of the site manager Mr Keith McIntyre. For more information contact Keith on 0785546 3293.

There is to be another Open Day on May 20 from noon to 4pm when all people interested in the community centre are invited to attend to inspect the premises, see the planned developments, experience boating activities, and register their interest in joining the fast-growing users of the facilities under safe conditions.

This is also for the public to identify and advise on what activities they would like to join and support, at the centre, when it is completed in 2018.

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'Barry residents right to be concerned' about incinerator' – says AM

Andrew RT Davies AM with Barry residents on Dock View Road



SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has joined local residents in expressing concerns over the incinerator at Barry Docks.

Mr Davies, who opposed the planning application for the plant, met residents on Dock View Road recently to discuss the impact it will have.

Many people are concerned by the proximity of the site to houses across Barry – and any fumes that might come from it.

He said: "Like many local residents, I am deeply concerned by the prospect of an incinerator being built so close to houses, and that is why I opposed the initial planning application."

"Sadly, permission to build the plant was granted, but that does not mean the fight has stopped."

"I will make further representations to Natural Resources Wales and I urge any residents with concerns to get in touch with me so I can bring these forward."

PARKING ISSUE AT ISLAND CAR PARK?



This photograph shows cars blocking the road to Harbour View car park.

A Barry resident contacted The GEM to highlight what he believes is inadvisable parking.

The cars are shown on the road through part of the new housing development that leads to Harbour Road car park.

They are not on double yellow lines.

The resident said: "I don't think people should be able to park on the road to the car park because it makes it too congested in busy periods."

"I wonder what it will be like in the height of summer?"

Green candidate launches video on air pollution

WALES Green Party has released a video highlighting the ongoing air quality problems in the Cogan area of Penarth.

They say the section of Windsor Road at the entrance to Penarth has been a 'pollution blackspot' for many years due to high traffic levels and congestion, especially at peak commuting times.

Among the problems they fear are harmful levels of nitrogen dioxide and other toxic pollutants which exceed legal limits set in the air quality regulations.

The area has been classed as an air quality management area for several years which legally requires the local authority to take action to improve the air quality.

Local resident, and the Green Party's candidate for the St

Augustine's ward in May's council elections, Anthony Slaughter said: "Air pollution is an increasingly serious problem across Wales."

"Recent reports indicate that air quality is a factor in 1,300 premature deaths every year in Wales. The situation in Cogan is intolerable and is, in my opinion, seriously damaging the health of local residents and commuters. Urgent action is needed to make our streets safe and healthy for all users."

"Public and sustainable transport infrastructure must be improved to decrease the need for so many car journeys."

He added that the party would push for Cardiff Bus to replace its fleet of diesel buses with clean, low polluting alternatives.

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Year-9 prize winners with Mrs Ellis.

AT the end of another busy term, Barry Comprehensive School held the spring 'In it to Win it' draw with a range of fantastic prizes awarded to students for excellence in attendance, attitudes to learning and academic success.

Students collected their tickets throughout the term in the knowledge that the more tickets accumulated, the more chances there are to win a prize. With all students having at least one ticket, everyone was excited for the draw. The hall and gym were packed with ticket holders because attendance is required to be able to claim a prize. If you are not in, you cannot win!

The next draw will take place at the end of the summer term, so the message is to keep working hard, keep attendance high and keep collecting those tickets.

Sully U3A enjoy a 'seated' walk!

AT its April meeting, members of Sully U3A were able to enjoy a walk around Mountain Ash – without leaving their seats.

With the aid of slides, Brian Davies traced a favourite route of Henry Austin Bruce, Lord Aberdare, who was a magistrate, MP and a keen walker.

The route started at the site of Duffryn House, the home of Lord Aberdare, which has now been demolished and the comprehensive school built on the site.

It then took members past the railway station, which was reopened in 1991, along the drovers' trail, across farms, past the sites of collieries that are now playing fields and a bowling green, and stone outcrops, which may be Bronze Age.

The route included many old farm houses and barns which are now modernised and extended

homes, and finished in the main street.

The views that Lord Aberdare enjoyed would have been different before the building of the new estates, but would have been blighted by the industrial works and collieries.

Chairman, Jean Bispham, thanked Brian for his talk, which pointed out so many things of interest.

The next meeting of Sully U3A will be on Thursday, May 12 at 2pm in the Old School, Sully, when Dean Powell will talk on 'Wales, the Land of Song'. New members are always welcome.

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Golf club members at funeral service blasted as 'yobbish'

MOURNERS at a recent committal at Margam Crematorium described the behaviour of members of the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club (RPGC), who were there to

attend another service, as "yobbish".

The club confirmed that it was responding to a letter of complaint from a woman who had attended the funeral at the crematorium.

That woman, a close relative of the deceased, contacted The GEM with a copy of her letter to the club's secretary, Michael Newland, detailing her complaint and calling on the club to take action.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, detailed what she, and others, witnessed:

"The funeral was scheduled for 1.30pm and when our hearse and cars drew up a couple of minutes before, my family and I were asked to stay in the car."

"We didn't think anything was amiss; the fact that we didn't recognise any of the

by **ANDY JOHNSTONE**

people standing outside the entrance was, we thought, due to the previous funeral running a little late."

She said that after a short while, the family's funeral director led them into Margam and the committal service took place.

She continued: "We found out afterwards the reason for the delay."

"It was because of members of RPGC - they were identified by their club ties - insisted on standing near the entrance, making a lot of noise and refusing to move away."

The mourner was told that the RPGC service was not due to begin until 2pm.

She said: "The funeral they were

attending wasn't due to start until 2pm, so why they were milling about before and blocking the entrance is beyond belief."

A number of people, including other mourners, a vicar and a funeral director, were reported to have asked the golf club party to move away and to "have some respect".

"Despite this, the RPGC party continued with their yobbish behaviour, and a vicar said that they had 'never encountered such behaviour at a funeral'."

The female mourner added: "Thankfully we'd had a church service at 12.15pm in the village where our relative had lived, which had been perfect."

"But this incident has had a negative impact on our family and friends, most cannot believe what

they witnessed."

She continued: "I was upset on learning what happened, but now I am absolutely furious."

"I know not every club tie wearing member was involved but, on the whole, most 'culprits' were wearing them."

The GEM contacted Mr Newland of RPGC for comment.

He replied: "I can confirm that I have received a letter from a woman whose [close relative's] funeral took place at Margam Crematorium immediately before the funeral of a member of Royal Porthcawl Golf Club."

"I am replying directly to that letter."

The club, which received its 'Royal' prefix in 1909, hosted the 2014 Senior Open Championship and will again in July.

Hamptons help charity



Andy Bradshaw and Peter Knowles of Hamptons.

ANDY BRADSHAW and **Peter Knowles** recently visited **Many Tears Animal Rescue Centre** in west Wales, the chosen charity of their store **Hamptons Penarth**, taking with them **donations of blankets and towels from their customers.**

They also took the most recent proceeds from the 5p tax for their carrier bags plus customers' donations, which brought the total raised by Hamptons' customers to over £6,000.

Peter Knowles said: "Many Tears Animal Rescue is a charity very close to our hearts. Our current two Westies, Daisy and George - and our previous Westies, Roxy and Millie - have all come to us from this wonderful centre."

"Many Tears Animal Rescue mainly takes in ex-breeding dogs and 'last day at the pound' dogs. They neuter, worm, microchip and inoculate all the dogs and with the help of fosterers across the UK they socialise, train and love

them until 'forever homes' are found. Together with the fantastic support from our customers we're delighted to help."

"During our most recent visit we saw a number of dogs in need of their forever homes, one of whom we'll be collecting this week and bringing home to join our increasing family."

"We also found out that Sylvia, one of the owners of this amazing centre, is doing a sponsored 280-mile 'Walk of Dreams' to help raise funds to secure the long-term future of Many Tears."

"With that in mind we're holding an Easter raffle at Hamptons which costs £1 a ticket to be in with a chance of winning a beautiful wicker picnic hamper filled with fabulous Welsh gift food, bath products, scented candles and other gorgeous goodies. All proceeds will be going to Sylvia's fund for the future of Many Tears."

For more information, visit the **Many Tears** website: www.manytearsrescue.org.

Barry Friends of Tenovus celebrate AS part of their 50th year celebrations, the Barry Friends of Tenovus Committee would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those who attended its recent quiz at Barry Athletic Club on Friday, March 31.

The evening saw a record turnout with 15 teams competing, and the committee raised just over £700.

The committee would like to thank Graham Cogbill, the evening's quizmaster, who put the teams through their paces with some tricky questions.

The next quiz will be held in the autumn, details of which will be available later in the year.

Continuing the celebrations, the popular summer event, the 'Strawberry and Sparkle' afternoon, takes place on Saturday, June 3 at 2pm, when guests will hopefully enjoy some sunshine with their strawberries and glass of sparkle. The event is being hosted by Joy Ephraim at her house at the Knap, Barry.

For further details on the venue and to purchase a ticket, contact Joy Ephraim on 01446 721321; Mary Thomas on 01446 733978 or Beryl Holmes on 01446 408420.

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CAMPAIGNERS NOW WIN AN EXTENSION TO CONSULTATION PERIOD ON LICENCE

CAMPAIGNERS opposed to the new energy plant being constructed at Barry Docks gathered in King Square on Saturday, April 8, in an impressive show of strength – and late last week Natural Resources Wales extended the consultation period on it.

Those in favour of the plant refer to it as a 'gasification' plant; those opposed call it an 'incinerator'.

Local activists and speakers from a cross-section of the political parties took to the library steps to make impassioned speeches against the Biomass UK No 2 facility.

Photographer David Alexander captured some of the most memorable moments of the day.



Images by DAVID ALEXANDER



Top Vale locations are featured in a new psychological thriller

COSMESTON Lakes Country Park, Penarth Pier and Llandough Hospital are some of the locations featured in *Born to Kill* – an intense and powerful four-part psychological thriller - that airs on Channel 4 this week (Thursday, April 20).

Born to Kill, from *Line of Duty* producers World Productions, was filmed predominantly in the Vale with scenes shot in Barry and Dinas Powys, with

the production using interior sets constructed at Enfy Studios in Cardiff.

Funding support from the Welsh Government helped secure the production for Wales with the four hour-long episodes produced by World Productions using Welsh crews and facilities.

Supported by Wales Screen, part of the Welsh Government's creative industries team, the production is estimated to have spent £2.5m in Wales.

Born to Kill explores the mind of a teenage boy trying to suppress psychopathic desires while falling in love for the first time. It also follows the teenager's family and community who are unaware of what he is capable of.

Valeways launches 2017 festival plans

VALEWAYS has launched its plans for this spring's extended Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, from May 23 – 28.

"For the first time in eight years, we'll be offering a whole six days of rambles, strolls and hikes, due to popular demand," said festival chair, Marion Eynon.

"Last year's festival was extremely well attended, but participants felt we were cramming too many wonderful, tempting offerings into our usual four-day programme – so we've stretched our legs this year, as it were, running nearly all week."

All walks are free,

guided by qualified walk leaders.

"Like all Valeways walks, you'll find out something interesting en route about the history, archaeology or wildlife of this beautiful area," said Marion.

"Trails vary, from one or two-mile rambles in historic Dunraven, or around Cowbridge, to a serious 13-mile coast and country trek round Colwinston."

For details of all the walks, you can call 01446 749000 and the full programme and descriptions of routes can be found at www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk – or keep an eye on The GEM!

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Conservative launch manifesto in Dinas Powys

WELSH Conservatives have launched their manifesto for the local government elections, which includes a six-point plan for Wales.

The launch took place at the Star Inn, Dinas Powys.

The Welsh Conservatives' 'Plan for Wales' includes a pledge to offer households fairer council tax bills, regular refuse collections, and better support for Armed Forces' heroes.

Welsh Conservative councils say they will also support local businesses by revitalising high streets and by procuring services locally wherever possible. They also have plans to protect the environment by encouraging better recycling and by ensuring that development is restricted to appropriate sites.

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Wales a winning title for the Sully Painting Group



From left: Nigel Adams (chairman), Vaughan Cummings, Robert Williams holding the winning painting, Brenda Young and George Payne's daughter.

SULLY Painting Group held their annual competition on April 4, using the theme of 'Wales' for this year's entries.

There was a very high standard of work from the members, which made the judge's task very difficult. There were four categories of entry: watercolour, oil and acrylic, mixed media and pastel. Professional local artist Vaughan Cummings was invited to judge the entries and give feedback on each painting.

This year's winners included Robert Williams, who won the oil and acrylic section and was then voted overall winner by members of the group for his atmospheric picture featuring a chamber tomb in Pembrokeshire.

The watercolour section was won by Sara Thomas for her painting of Rhydyar Cottages at St Fagan's. The mixed media was won by Pam

Hildrup for her painting of cottages in Abergavenny and the pastel competition was won by Hilary Tasker for her picture of a Welsh Corgi dog.

Robert was awarded the George Payne Award (our former president) for the best oil/acrylic picture presented by George Payne's daughter and the Three Kens Award for the picture voted the best by the members, which was presented by Brenda Young, the widow of Ken Young, former chairman.

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Vale AM praises work of 'Group 617' members



The local AM at the '617 art exhibition'.

ON April 8, Jane Hutt AM opened the Group 617 art exhibition at the Hearth Gallery, Llandough Hospital.

This is a wonderful display of work produced by veterans and ex-service personnel. Group 617 – 'Making a Difference' – supports war veterans, current and former members of the armed services and emergency services, and their families.

Ms Hutt was pleased to meet Group 617 members who had produced work for the exhibition, including Russ Kitley and Spud Murphy.

The Vale's Assembly Member said: "This is a fantastic display of work from Group 617 members, and I was very pleased and honoured to be asked to open the exhibition, which is well worth the visit.

"Please make time to visit the gallery next time you are in Llandough."

'Optimistic' beekeepers can't let the horrors of the Asian Hornet get them down

AN in-depth inspection at the Fonmon Apiary has now been undertaken thanks to some days of sunshine.

One of the colonies was not as vigorous as the others and has consequently died out. This is not at all unusual and having more than one colony means I can make up the loss by splitting a colony as part of swarm control as the season progresses.

There are those who desire only one hive of bees but winter losses are, as I have said, not unusual. Having a minimum of two colonies does at least give the beekeeper some backup, and the opportunity to replace a lost colony.

It is my intention to replace the floors on three hives, as wear and tear is always with us. Today the floors have mesh instead of solid wood in them; the purpose of the mesh is to allow bits of wax, bits of bees, bits of pollen and dead Varroa Mites to fall through into a collecting drawer, as well as providing ventilation.

An examination of the drawer debris gives some indication as to the state of the hive and of course, a count of the dead mites (and sometimes live mites) informs you of the infestation level.

The contents of one drawer is sent off to the NBU (National Bee Unit) in York where the scientists there will also carry out an inspection and be looking out for anything I might have missed.

Beekeepers are now on the alert for the Asian hornet! This is a foreign import that was found last year in two locations in the UK. This hornet is a predator of insects and in particular the Honey Bee.

Once it finds a colony of bees (i.e. your hive) it will recruit others of its kind and they will hover around a hive and catch returning foragers – and dismember them before returning to their nest where the bee parts become food for the growing hornet larvae.

Over the past two years I have had a trap (provided by the NBU) designed to catch the Asian Hornet hung up in the apiary and it may well be required this year.

The hornet was accidentally imported into France some time ago and has spread rapidly. The English Channel has not proved to be a barrier.

But that is enough of the downside of things, a new season is upon us and the bees are foraging whenever conditions allow and my recent inspection has shown queen activity (egg laying) in progress.

Oilseed rape is in the area and the bees will use the pollen and nectar from this crop.

Charles Dickens has a character with 'great expectations'! And as ever I also have great expectations for this year. You have to be eternally optimistic when you are a beekeeper.

Harold Williams

Farmers need help to deal with flytipping

NFU CYMRU has welcomed Welsh Government proposals to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices for small scale fly-tipping in Wales, but says more must be done to stamp out the problem.

In response to the recent Welsh Government consultation, the Union identified that Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have the potential to be a fast and efficient method to tackle crime and ensure the 'polluter pays'. However, to be effective the FPN needs to be significantly more than the cost of disposing of the waste legally.

NFU Cymru Rural Affairs Board chairman Hedd Pugh said: "While FPNs are a welcome step forward in tackling fly-tipping, their usefulness may be undermined by

the fact that there is no statutory duty on local authorities to investigate fly-tipping on private land.

"We believe that fly-tipping is a crime, irrespective of where it occurs, and authorities should afford the same level of priority to private land as publicly owned sites.

"We remain extremely concerned that the onus of clearing the site following fly-tipping remains the responsibility of the landowner – it is grossly unfair that the cost and burden should fall on farmers who are the victims of crime.

"NFU Cymru has highlighted, through the consultation, that the receipts from FPNs must be used to support farmers with the clear-up costs where the crime has occurred on farmland."

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'Parry in Penarth' concert honours a great composer

MUSICIANS, singers and Joseph Parry enthusiasts will be gathering on Sunday, April 23, at St Augustine's Church – to celebrate the life and music of Wales's greatest 19th century composer, whose grave is in the churchyard at St Augustine's.

Lovers of Parry's music will be delighted to learn that St Augustine's will be echoing to his work during the 'Parry in Penarth' event which has been organised jointly between the Friends of St Augustine's and Ty Cerdd (Music Centre Wales).

The programme will include a lecture/recital, a concert and a Cymnfa Gynu.

Contributors include Alun Guy (conductor), David Thomas (organ), Sioned Terry (mezzo-soprano), Brian Ellsbury (piano), Frank Bott (Parry biographer) and the Cardiff Ardwyn Singers. Apart from the great favourites 'Myfanwy' and 'Aberystwyth' the programme will include many of Parry's songs, and will end with a Cyfmanfa Gynu (hymn singing festival).

Penarth has had many eminent residents over the years, but few can have been better known towards the end of 19th and early 20th centuries than the Welsh composer Dr Joseph Parry, who lived in Penarth for 15

years.

Such was his fame, that when he died in 1903, thousands of people lined the streets of Penarth and followed the cortege up to St Augustine's, where he was buried.

One hundred and fourteen years later, his fame has declined, but people still come from far and wide to visit his grave and recall a prodigious composer who journeyed from pit boy at nine in Merthyr Tydfil, to the USA with his family at 13 (where he worked in the rolling mills while studying music).

He returned home to become a central figure in Welsh academic and musical life, and wrote hundreds of hymn tunes and songs, anthems and chorals.

Parry's grave is now in need of repair and conservation, and the money raised from the event will go towards its restoration.

Parry in Penarth, which starts at 2.15pm, includes a lecture/recital, tea and concert. Tickets for this are £10 on the door. The Cymnfa Gynu starts at 6.30pm (free entry but there will be a voluntary collection for the grave). Organisers want this to be a joyous day of gratitude and affection for one of our very own Penarth 'greats'!

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Vale Funeral Service staff with the eggs destined for the food bank.

THE Vale Funeral Service wishes to thank the community for their continued support as they received more than 160 Easter eggs for their recent appeal.

Funeral director Lyndsay Ellis said: "As always, our community didn't let us down and the response and support has been amazing. Pastor Mike Holmes of the Vale Foodbank received the kind donations with much appreciation."

RAMBLERS EXPLORE THE CAERPHILLY COUNTRYSIDE

THE forecasted good weather was true to form when five walkers joined leader Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers to explore in and around the Caerphilly area.

The group set off from Coed Parc-y-Van, and headed uphill to Rudry Common with a buzzard gracing the blue sky above them.

They followed unmarked paths to Rudry, the village church dedicated to St James provided them with a morning coffee stop. A rocky pathway led uphill through woodland carpeted with wood anemones and onto part of the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk, where at Cefn-Onn Farm, spring lambs were in abundance.

After lunch in warm sunshine overlooking a long abandoned quarry, it was time to move on to the Ridgeway Golf Course for the trek up to the busy Caerphilly Mountain Snack Bar.

Making their way across the car park and back into woodland, they took a diversion to Wern Ddu where a 300 million year old coal seam, known as Rhondda number 2, is on view before the short descent back to their start.

The following day, 15

walkers joined Joy for a trek in the delightful Monnow Valley, taking in the counties of Monmouthshire and Herefordshire.

Leaving the ruined Skenfrith castle, the group crossed the river to the quaint St Michael's Church at Garway which was built in 1180 by the Knights Templar who had returned from fighting in the Crusades.

After visiting the interior of this delightful church, a climb by road and lush meadows led to Garway Hill, where a cool breeze and misty views awaited them.

Descending Garway Common through White Rocks, farm tracks led down into the valley and through fields where a hare was spotted, before the descent through Great Domesne, past the bluebells in Cockshoot Wood to a quiet lane for the journey back to Skenfrith.

On April 22, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate walk from Pontneddfechan taking in waterfall country and a cave; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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Dinas Powys village show

THIS year's village show will be held on Saturday, September 2 after the August Bank Holiday.

There will be a few changes to the schedule in the cookery, floral art and painting and drawing classes. There will also be a special photography class with the subject 'Saturdays', open to ages seven to 14 only.

The full schedule will be published by the end of June. Meanwhile, further details can be obtained from Val Hartney on 029 2051 3274 or at valhartney@talktalk.net.

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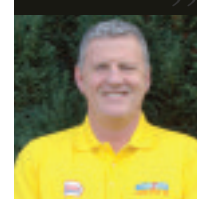
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Ty Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "Some traditional care homes might have a

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For more information about Ty Llandaff call Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com



The concert 'A Touch of the Irish' was held at All Saints Church, Barry.

Irish eyes are smiling at Barnardo's Barry concert

THE Barry Barnardo's helper group would like to thank all who attended and supported the recent charity concert 'A Touch of Irish' at All Saints' Church, Barry on Saturday, March 25.

Thanks from the committee go to the performers: All Saints' School choir, Andy Matthews, Angela Incledon, Gill Davies, The O'Donnell School of Irish Dance, the three 'Irish' Tenors and the MC Norman Pereira, who gave their time and talents to provide such a varied programme.

Special thanks also go to priest in charge Kevin Lake for the use of the church and hall.

A magnificent sum of £1,061 was raised from the event to support Barnardo's projects in Wales.

Mary Edmunds and Jen Morgan (on behalf of the Barry Barnardo's fundraising committee).

Home care agency supports Heart Awareness Month



Rita and a committee member with one of the raffle prizes.

ALLIED HEALTHCARE, a domiciliary care agency based in Barry, held a coffee and cake morning on Valentine's Day as part of Heart Awareness month to support Rita's Multicultural Café's quest to raise funds for the purchase of a defibrillator.

"We care for vulnerable, elderly clients on a daily basis, some of whom have heart conditions.

"It was an easy choice to support Rita's café to raise funds for this life saving equipment for those that

live or visit our community," said a spokesperson.

Rita from the café visited Allied Healthcare to add items to the raffle and to see the hard work the committee had put in to make the event a success. The committee raised a total of £78 for the cause.

She said: "We wish to thank the staff for their donations and the committee for going beyond their duty of care to make this fantastic donation in supporting this much-needed cause. "We also wish to thank Tesco for their support at the coffee morning."

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PENCOED FILM STUDIO HAS A 'DOCTOR' ON CALL

THE Sony UK TEC's Ffilm Factory 35 in Pencoed has become the latest in a string of locations for the new series of *Doctor Who*, after becoming a hotspot for filming in Wales.

Following the partial filming of *Decline and Fall* and major US TV show *Will* at Sony UK TEC in Pencoed, *Doctor Who* has also used the filming space

to produce some of the scenes in the new episode of the highly anticipated series.

Known for producing thousands of professional HD and 4K broadcast cameras each year, Sony UK TEC has expanded its offering with its 30,000sq ft filming facility.

The centre is reported as is becoming an increasingly attractive location for high profile and prime time shows due to its

versatile space and accessible location, adding to Wales' film and television offering.

Gerald Kelly, director of professional services at Sony UK Technology Centre, said: "Having the Ffilm Factory 35 chosen as one of the locations for filming highlights just how impressive the space is.

"We're proud to have been selected for some of the opening scenes, the moments that will hook audiences in the coming weeks.

"It's been a successful year for the facility, and we have hosted numerous high-profile projects, with *Doctor Who* being one of them. Wales is fast becoming a highly sought after filming location, and we're thrilled to be part of it."

The new series of *Doctor Who* will return this weekend on BBC One and is set to break conventions with its first openly gay assistant Bill Potts, played by Pearl Mackie.

Shakira's 'Big Idea' wins a top student award

SHAKIRA FRANCIS, a Level 3 administration student at Cardiff and Vale College, has won a students' award for Overall Best Business from the Welsh Government's Youth Entrepreneurship Service, for her social enterprise.

Shakira was at the final of Big Ideas Celebrated, a national competition aimed at finding and showcasing the best entrepreneurial talent among 16 to 25-year-olds in Wales. The competition, organised by the Welsh Government's Youth Entrepreneurship Service, was held at Cardiff City Stadium.

Visage De La Mode, a scheme for shows and workshops with the purpose of boosting women and girls' self-esteem, won the award for Overall Best Business in Further Education (FE). It had also been shortlisted in the Social Impact Award category.

Shakira (18) from Cardiff, had to deliver a one-minute pitch to a panel of judges, including South Wales



CAVC student Shakira Francis with Minister for Skills and Science, Julie James.

Federation of Small Business Development manager Neil Blockley, Doopol co-founder Steve Dimmick, Cheryl Goulay of NatWest, and Tree Frog Digital director, Chris Grice.

As winner of Best Overall Business in FE, Shakira was presented with £350 and activity vouchers by Minister for Skills and Science, Julie James.

Shakira said: "I'm absolutely thrilled. Big Ideas Celebrated was a fantastic event with great opportunities to network and move my idea

forward."

Cardiff and Vale College's Entrepreneurship Enrichment team supported applications from three teams and three individual students. Two entries each were shortlisted in both Social Impact and Best Enterprise categories, while Shakira was also shortlisted for Best Overall Business in FE. CAVC students from business administration, hairdressing, computing and IT battled it out in the finals.

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South Wales Police receive top marks

Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary has praised South Wales Police for the way it keeps people safe and reduces crime.

The conclusions are part of an annual assessment, looking at the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of all the forces in England and Wales.

South Wales Police was rated 'good' across all of these three areas, with HMI Wendy Williams concluding that she was 'very pleased' with the overall performance of the force.

In the report, Ms Williams commented: "South Wales Police is good at preventing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood officers engage well with local people and have a thorough knowledge of their issues and concerns.

"I am very pleased with the improvements that South Wales Police has made in the way it protects vulnerable people from harm and how it supports victims.

"The force now has a good understanding of the nature and scale of vulnerability among people in South Wales. It has trained staff to identify repeat and vulnerable victims when they first contact the force, and this means that the most vulnerable people are receiving an appropriate response."

The report concluded:

"The force is good at maintaining ethical and lawful behaviour in its workforce, and its vetting complies with national guidance. In summary, the force provides a good level of service to the people of south Wales."

Deputy Chief Constable Matt Jukes said: "The conclusions of the third report into the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of South Wales Police are the result of a lot of hard work and it is very pleasing to see that being recognised by the HMI."

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COWBRIDGE MAY FAIR

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A MASSIVE community event is all set up for May 1 at Cowbridge on the Bear Field, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

Organised by Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club, the Cowbridge May Fair is becoming a regular fixture in the calendar, offering a full day out for the family.

It takes place every other year in Cowbridge, and the Lions organise a similar event on the alternate years in Llantwit, usually in June.

A Lions' spokesman told The GEM: "Since we started the May Fair, the aim has been to recapture the elements of a traditional rural fair, with Maypole dancing, children's races, bonny baby competitions, fairground attractions and even a tug of war!

"As in previous years, there will be musical performances from the main stage throughout the day, and there will be a wide range of stalls around the field, selling food, arts and crafts, produce, refreshments and much more."

There will be an all day children's soft play area and face painting in the Leisure Centre and this year, the event is bringing something new to the table – Cowbridge's own take on the Pamplona Bull Run, sponsored by Cowbridge Chamber of trade.

A Lions spokesman emphasised to The GEM that the proposed running order for the day could be subject to alteration, but it is planned that the day will begin at 10am, when the gates open and the acts scheduled for the main stage will start performing.

The various stalls (about 50 at the time of going

to press) will also aim to be up-and-running at 10am, and the funfair and Maypole dancing will start at 10am too.

The official opening of the May Fair will be performed by the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Liz George, accompanied by the Town Crier.

The Bonny Baby competition, which will be judged by Lucy Owen, is at 2pm with a prize donated by a local business.

The heats of the Tug of War competition will also start at 2pm.

At 3pm, a number of children's races will start, although it is advisable for parents to check the programme on the day. Local shops are donating prizes.

As the day closes, the new 'Bull Run' is scheduled for 4pm, with local people invited to don their bull's horns and run the gauntlet of local children armed with ripe tomatoes.

The Cowbridge Chamber of Trade has put up a first prize of £100.

Once again, it is advised that prospective entrants check details of the run earlier in the day with the organisers.

However, it should provide an exciting climax to the day, before the event closes at 5pm.

There will be acts on stage throughout the day, although circumstances may mean some changes to the running order.

The full stage programme at the time of going to press is:

- 10am – 10.20 – To be confirmed.
- 10.35am – 10.55 – Y Bont Faen School Choir
- 11am – official opening
- 11.15 – 11.45 – Patrick/Christie/Lowri + friends
- 12 noon – 12.30 – Rock Choir.
- 12.45pm – 1.15 – Stagecoach.
- 1.30pm – 2pm – Gareth and Caitlin,
- 2.15 – 3pm – Total Chaos (juniors and seniors).
- 3pm – 4pm – Band setting up/children's races
- 4pm – end – Rock 'n' Soul.

The local fire service has said that a fire engine will be at the event (call-outs permitting), and it is hoped to put on a demonstration.

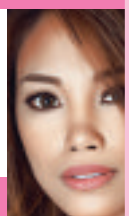
The spokesman added: "A programme for the day will be given out at the entry gates. Entry is free but a donation to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund, which benefits local good causes and Lions projects, would be much appreciated."

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'A STRONG COMMUNITY WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE?'

IT was nice to see the Vale Council crowding that they are in the running to be named as the best local authority in the UK (The GEM, April 13).

Commenting on the possible award, council managing director, Rob Thomas said: "In 2016, we announced a new vision to build strong communities with a bright future."

Perhaps the sponsors of this award, The Municipal Journal should look at how they are achieving this vision by allowing the siting of a biomass incinerator in the midst of a densely populated urban area, which will adversely affect the quality of life of hundreds, if not thousands, of people – and negatively impact on future waterfront development and tourism.

Frightened by losing on appeal the refusal of the original planning application, the Vale just rolled over when a revised one was put to them in 2015, which significantly increased emissions of air pollutants more than five-fold. In particular, nitrogen oxide will go up from 0.8132 g/s to 4.5g/s – one of the main reasons for increasing the stack height from 20m to 43m.

These gases react to form smog and acid rain as well as being central to the formation of fine particles and ground level ozone, both of which are

Could we have expected different outcome on plant?

REGARDING the belated furore over the gasification plant, a recent contributor is "disgusted that the Welsh Government and the Vale Council have granted planning permission".

I would agree, though as the Welsh Government and the Vale Council are Labour controlled, could we reasonably have expected any other outcome? Think how we vote(d).

John Deavall, Barry.

'Toxic brownfield sites need decontamination'

OVER the last year much has been written about the proposed expansion of housing developments in Cardiff and the Vale, which will affect everyone.

Ten years ago, I attended a seminar at the County Hall, Cardiff on the above proposals. We were told that the Government planned to create a metropolis in the region between

Newport and Bridgend, where all suburbs would merge closer together ensuring a high density of traffic movement.

It was also submitted that junction 33 of the M4 would host a retail park, coach station, bus station and a hotel. In addition, 5,000 parking spaces would be allocated for shoppers, as well as 3,000 spaces for employees.

Many years ago,

before the M4 came into existence, I studied the proposed plans for the route it would take. I was informed that the residential areas of south east Wales would alter and that new developments would be built near to the motorway.

Hence today, Cardiff is one of the UK's fastest growing cities with 80,000 people already commuting into the capital region, and causing congestion on the roads, which is bad for business.

I agree with readers of The GEM that south east Wales holds many desolate brownfield sites which could be developed for housing. Sadly, those sites are toxic. Neither local councils nor developers wish to take on the prohibitive costs of decontaminating them.

Germany cleared all its brownfield sites decades ago.
V Bird, Penarth.

associated with adverse health effects.

If this is an example of how the council thinks it is building strong communities with a bright future, what else have they got up their sleeves?

If anyone would really like to tell the Municipal Journal what we really think about our council, they can contact the editor, Heather Jameson.
Ian Blackhouse, Barry.

Beach huts and 'limited availability'

WHAT'S occurin' with the annual rental of Barry Island beach huts?

Shortly after Christmas, we contacted the Vale Council and were advised that the beach hut allocation for 2017/18 season would be "widely advertised".

As this did not transpire, we phoned the council to check on the state of play and were again assured they would be advertised before the end of March.

In the absence, yet again, of any information, we contacted the Vale Council in early April, only to be told that it had been a cabinet decision to offer rentals for the forthcoming season to existing beach hut holders.

How unfair is that, given the huge public interest in these popular facilities?

Unsurprisingly, the take up was 10 out of 12, leaving just two huts for this year's draw. This

was farcically described on the council's website as 'limited availability'!

We are given to understand that the hire of the beach huts comes under the 'waste management department'. How appropriate, as we have been wasting our time trying to get an annual rental for this year.

Never mind – there's always next year's draw, unless that also proves to be a complete waste of time.

Perhaps the council's scrutiny committee could ensure that there is more fair play in future and that people who have enjoyed two seasons of occupancy of the beach huts are not eligible to take part in the 2018/19 draw.

We would be very interested to know the thinking behind this disappointing and unfair decision.

FK and AJ Tancock, Barry.

'Porthkerry wildlife continues to thrive'

ON behalf of Porthkerry Wildlife Group I would like to thank Laurie Owen for his interesting article in the Barry and Penarth GEM on April 13 'Nostalgic ramble in Porthkerry'.

It was fascinating to read about his adventures in Porthkerry Park when he was a boy. I have no explanation for the lack of birds in Knockmandown Wood. Perhaps the carrion crows (or even the resident buzzards) were on the prowl for fledglings and the birds were keeping quiet.

However, when the group recently surveyed a small section of Mill Wood near the sawmill

we counted 15 robins, two song thrushes, five blackbirds, two nuthatches, a green woodpecker and loads of tits, all singing or calling.

Our ponds may have been quiet on that day, but on our night survey for amphibians at the end of March we counted nearly 400 toads and frogs in the ponds and stream nearby. A very healthy population considering that the ponds haven't been there long, and withstand periods of drought and disturbance from dogs. The spawn has all hatched out now and the tadpoles are always a bit hard to see.

Fortunately for all of us quite a lot of the wildlife in Porthkerry Park continues to thrive.
Alison Palmer, (Porthkerry Wildlife Group).

Out & About with The GEM

Less drama would make this even more Fast & Furious!

FOR a franchise that appeared to be heading for the scrapheap after its third installment, the *Fast & the Furious* films have continued to be

successful, with the last outing (the seventh) raking in a massive \$1.5 billion worldwide.

Unsurprisingly then the eighth of the series, entitled *Fast & Furious 8* (or *The Fate of The Furious*), revs into

cinemas, the first since the tragic passing of co-lead Paul Walker.

With his character Brian retired from a life of crime, the rest of the gang have settled into a seemingly normal life.

But when they find themselves caught up in the web of the mysterious Cipher (Charlize Theron), the likes of Vin Diesel's Dom, Michelle Rodriguez's Letty, Dwayne Johnson's Hobbs and the rest have to work together to stop her – but she has more up her sleeve than she lets on...

The constant on-again off-again of the *Fast & Furious* franchise has meant that each subsequent installment has never failed to catch the eye, through jaw-dropping action sequences and, rarely for blockbusters that seem to leave their brains at the door, engaging narratives.

Fast & Furious 8 wholly embraces this template, with the added wrinkle that it appears Vin Diesel's Dom has turned his back on his family (a word that seems to be the most used in the franchise) and gone rogue.

A slight deviation from the usual driving of fast cars and stopping dangerous criminals then? A little, but in trying to push the story this way, what is lacking is the joyous sense of fun and ridiculousness that you get elsewhere.

While the Dom strand of the film lacks energy and surprise once the stakes are revealed, elsewhere there is enough plain daftness, humour and energy to keep you watching.

In a way it's like two films are taking place, one an overwrought drama that sees a man turn his back on the ones he loves out of a sense

of duty, doing the wrong thing for the right reasons – and one an action film that dials up the testosterone and doesn't take itself too seriously.

Fortunately the latter wins out.

Despite having topped all but one of these films, Vin Diesel is a more of a physical presence than an acting one, so giving him the emotional heavy lifting fails to pay dividends.

With a furrowed brow and a mangled delivery (not helped by portentous and clunky dialogue), Diesel proves that he works best when he has his charismatic co-stars to bounce off.

Thankfully the other cast members fare better. While regulars like Michelle Rodriguez and Chris Bridges are sidelined a little, it doesn't matter when you have Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Tyrese and Kurt Russell knocking around with each other.

Pitching their performances perfectly, the time spent with these characters as they prepare to track down Dom are the most enjoyable parts of the film, especially Johnson and Statham's chemistry, the pair great fun together.

Having Charlize Theron bring the villainous Cipher to life is a coup for a film where even Helen Mirren pops up for a few minutes, but while the actress brings gravitas to the character, there's just not enough in the script to make her compelling enough, her muddled MO explained away in one monologue.

Writer Chris Morgan is a series veteran, and as such his screenplay knows just where to go and what to do. It's not writing on auto-pilot,

more a knowledge of the characters and their behaviour, the sense of familiarity comforting.

If some of the dialogue doesn't pass muster, then Morgan's ability to keep the story moving is a great positive, the film never lacking for momentum.

Director F Gary Gray has previous with cars on film, having helmed *The Italian Job* remake in 2003, and here he brings a sheen of professionalism, but seems a little too often to get caught up in making a 'Fast & Furious' film rather than bringing his own personality to proceedings.

The grandiose set pieces are delivered with no little style (and a little questionable CGI) but Gray never seems to stamp his own mark on the film itself.

While every Fast film since the atrocious fourth outing has got bigger and better, *Fast & Furious 8* doesn't make the leap in quality from the last outing.

While still wildly enjoyable, it's dragged down by attempts to make something deep and meaningful where there shouldn't be – less drama would make this more Fast & Furious!

VERDICT - For a film series on its eighth outing, *Fast & Furious 8* is a ridiculously action-packed affair, a glorious cacophony of carnage – it's just a shame Vin Diesel wanted to use it as a showcase for his 'acting' talent.

When it channels the fun of the other films it soars, thanks to the charisma of the rest of the cast and some wondrous action set-pieces. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *THE TRANSPORTER* (2014), *THE TRANSPORTER* (2002)



by GARETH JAMIESON
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Seven Welsh bands at rock festival

WALES is rocking – seven local rock acts have pipped fierce international competition for main stage slots at this year's Wildfire Festival, already heralded as the most comprehensive UK - national showcase of the New Wave of British Classic Rock.

Fireroad, The Texas Flood, Kane'd, Those Damn Crows, Beth Blade and The Beautiful Disasters, Pilgrim and Beautiful Strangers will all appear on a 69-strong bill to be held in the grounds of Wiston Lodge, Scotland, between June 23 and June 25. Weekend tickets have been held at 2016 prices until the end of April.

The Wildfire Festival will include 2007 World Superbike Champion James Toseland to headline Saturday night; a new teenage-specific stage to introduce a new generation to live music; the first major festival billings for a number of rising, breakthrough bands.

V i s i t
www.wildfirefestival.co.uk for further information.

Barry stamp and postcard fair

ON Saturday, April 29 the Barry Philatelic and Postcard Society is holding its annual spring fair at the

Highlight Community Centre (which is behind Tesco) on Port Road, Barry from 10am to 4pm.

All are welcome. Admission is 50p and refreshments are available.

The club holds meetings twice a month on Monday evenings at the centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Membership is open to everyone, young or more senior and a warm welcome is assured.

The meetings are interesting and varied along with visiting clubs from the South Wales Federation as well as our own interests.

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Vale for Africa charity concert

THE choir City Voices Cardiff are performing a charity concert at the majestic Bradenstoke Hall, St Donat's Castle on Sunday, May 14 at 3pm.

All proceeds will go to the Vale for Africa Atlantic College Student Scholarship Fund. The gates to St Donat's Tudor gardens open at 1.30pm.

You are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy this spectacular setting with its sea views – please bring your own

picnic blankets and folding chairs.

City Voices Cardiff will be supported by students of UWC Atlantic College music department. Tickets are £17.50 each and are available from St Donat's Arts Centre; email: boxoffice@stdonats.com or call the Box Office on 01446 799100.

The Vale for Africa Atlantic College Student Scholarship Fund enables a student from Uganda to come to Wales for two years to study at the world renowned Atlantic College, St Donat's.

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Penarth campaigners against arms trade hold peace vigil in Usk



THE Penarth Christian Network of the Campaign Against the Arms Trade organised a 'vigil' outside BAE Systems Munitions Glascoed in Usk on Maundy Thursday.

A spokesman said: "The vigil took place at the shift change time outside the factory with numerous security staff looking on.

"As hundreds of cars poured into the factory, a short service prepared by Alison Norris from Albert Road Methodist Church was read by selected members of the CAAT support group."

Sully Painting Group's competition

SULLY Painting Group held its annual competition on April 4, using the theme of 'Wales' for this year's entries.

There was a very high standard of work from the members, which made the judge's task very difficult. There were four categories of entry: watercolour, oil and acrylic, mixed media and pastel. Professional local artist Vaughan Cummings was invited to judge the entries and give feedback on each painting.

This year's winners included

Robert Williams from Barry, who won the oil and acrylic section and then was voted overall winner by members of the group for his atmospheric picture featuring a chamber tomb in Pembrokeshire.

The watercolour section was won by Sara Thomas for her painting of Rhydyar Cottages at St Fagans. The mixed media was won by Pam Hildrup for her painting of cottages in Abergavenny and the pastel competition was won by Hilary Tasker for her picture of a Welsh Corgi dog.

Will you give shy Nikki a loving home?

NIKKI is currently one of the longest staying cats in the Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre.

She was admitted for rehoming because her owner felt she would benefit from a quieter home. She is a friendly and affectionate cat, but can be shy and will let you know when she wants some space.

She is looking for a home without other pets and ideally somewhere quiet where she will receive love and patience.

If you think you can offer Nikki a home, contact Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre, Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9UJ; telephone 01656 724 396; email bridgend@cats.org.uk or see www.bridgend.cats.org.uk.



Faye nails skills competition

RIGHT: Faye Lobeck with her trophy.



CARDIFF and Vale College student Faye Lobeck has won bronze in the Skills Competition Wales Nail Technology category.

The Level 2 Beauty and Nail Services student's achievement is all the more impressive because Faye was competing against Level 3 students from across the region. Several students from CAVC took part in the competition at Coleg Cambria in Deeside.

The contest, which feeds into the wider WorldSkills UK competition, involved students, trainees and apprentices having three hours in which to apply a full set of nail acrylic – one hand painted with

nail art and one French polished.

"I wasn't nervous because I didn't have any high expectations," said Faye (27) from Barry.

"I've been involved with competitions in the past – I just wanted to make sure I completed the task. I was really shocked to come third and win bronze. I wasn't expecting it at all – I struggled a bit during the competition and I thought I hadn't done the best nails that I could do."

Hayley Parsons-Jones, retail and business development manager at CAVC's urbsaba salon, said: "We are proud of all of the CAVC students who competed on the day and the standard was extremely high. They represented the College incredibly well." and our thanks go out to them."

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Die Liederlichen Feel harmoniker group.

THE forthcoming visit of the Liederlichen Feel harmoniker group from Rheinfelden to Barry is causing a lot of excitement at rehearsals for the Barry Male Voice Choir (BMVC).

It is now a week before this outstanding musical group perform a variety of items ranging from humorous to pop, classical and opera in English and German.

"It will be a pleasure and a privilege to again share a concert with our talented German guests," said BMVC chairman, Gareth Roberts.

"In 2015, our joint concert in Rheinfelden was enjoyed by an enthusiastic capacity audience. We hope that this can be repeated in Barry."

The joint concert marks the 50th anniversary of the first exchange between BMVC and the United Choirs of Rheinfelden. BMVC is grateful to the Barry Town Council and the Vale Council for their support in arranging this visit.

Barry Male Voice Choir and Liederlichen Feel Harmoniker concert takes place at the Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry on Saturday, April 29 at 7pm. Tickets (£8) available from choir members or by telephoning 01446 402398.

COLLEGE SETS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE



The teams from Ysgol Plasmawr and St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School with their winners' certificates.

Mega book sale boosts Martin Joseph charity

AFTER nearly three months of planning, organising, collecting, categorising and pricing, the day of the mega book sale at Trinity Methodist Church finally arrived.

In spite of the lovely sunshine and other activities around town, a good number of people came, browsed and bought books before enjoying refreshments and buying raffle tickets and cakes for tea.

There was a lovely buzz of conversation among all who stayed to enjoy a cuppa after making their purchases, with many commenting how well laid out the book sale was and what a vast and varied selection of books were on offer.

The organisers would like to thank all who donated books or raffle prizes and baked goods to sell – and not forgetting everyone who donated their time to help on the day and especially

those who gave their time – and muscles! – setting up the rooms and putting them back to normal after the event.

A huge thanks goes to Russel, the manager of Aldi (Cardiff Bay) who so generously donated all the strong carrier bags for buyers to take their books home in and also to Liam (from Aldi) who transported the many empty boxes to Trinity, in which the books were displayed.

Thanks also to Geoff from Bro Radio and The Glamorgan GEM for all the help publicising the event in the lead up, and of course to everyone who attended and gave so generously.

The success of the day was topped by the knowledge that £630 had been raised for the chosen charity, Martin Joseph's Let Yourself Trust (www.letyourselftrust.net).

Ro and Ceri-Lou Newman, Trinity Methodist Church Penarth fundraising team

'Rock and Raise' gig for charity

FOR one night only, Rock and Raise is at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

Rock and Raise 17 is being staged on Saturday, July 1 and tickets have just gone on sale.

The night will feature five live acts, including popular south Wales band The Woods, singer songwriter Chris Kelly and '60s covers band, The Word – with more acts to be announced in the coming weeks.

Co-organiser Chris Wood said: "A number of us have played locally for a long time, and we

thought it would be great to bring a few acts together for one great night of music".

"The Paget Rooms is an iconic venue in Penarth, and we hope people will turn out in force for a really good night of music, while raising money for Velindre Cancer Centre and LATCH."

Tickets cost £15 and are available from WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ROCKANDRAISE17 or in person from Osmond Drakes, Opticians or David Baker Estate Agents in Penarth.



THE next generation of construction technicians have had their skills tested at a special design and

construction challenge at Cardiff and Vale College.

More than 70 pupils from eight schools from across Cardiff and the Vale took part in the challenge at CAVC's Cardiff Construction Training Centre and on its Barry Campus. Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr won the Cardiff competition and a team from St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School were the winners in the Vale heat.

The teams of year-10 pupils were split into contractors with a project manager then given a plot in which they each had different tasks, from paving the floor through to designing and creating a tile mosaic and putting up fencing. The competition is designed to give school pupils a taste of the various tasks involved in the construction industry and to show the value of vocational education.

Mr Bright, a product design teacher at St Richard Gwyn said: "The experience, which included a traditional builder's breakfast, gave pupils a fantastic insight into the world of construction and the range of potential career opportunities that are available in industry."

"The day was a huge success and showcased a high standard of work from all participating schools. I would strongly recommend other schools throughout Cardiff and the Vale getting involved."

"We didn't really know what to expect from the day," St Richard Gwyn pupil Molly Gunney said. "No-one in the team had any previous experience of brickwork, carpentry, wall and floor tiling or being a project manager and it was the first time our school had entered the competition."

"By the end of the day we had experienced it all and ended up winning the event. It was an amazing experience."

"I had no idea I could tile, and certainly didn't think I would enjoy it, but I did," fellow pupil Charlotte Adams added. Connor Club said: "I really enjoyed the event. I was the project manager and got to oversee all the different trades working."

"There were so many different skills needed for each job and I learnt so much about each one. It certainly gave me a great insight into the construction industry."

Ysgol Plasmawr pupil Niamh Davies said: "The day was great fun. I learned how to tile and how to measure and cut materials precisely."

"It was very interesting and I enjoyed the experience of gaining an insight into the world outside school and what the college can offer," said fellow pupil Corey Baldwin.

Paige Lewis added: "It was fun, excellent and different to normal. A great experience!"

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(EAGLESWELL ROAD (RHAN) A BOVERTON ROAD (RHAN)) LLANILLTUD FAWR (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

1. Ar 20 Ebrill 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:

2. Enw'r Gorchymyn fydd "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Eagleswell Road (Rhan) a Boverton Road (Rhan)) Llanilltud Fawr (Cau Ffordd) (Dros Dro)" 2017.

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Eagleswell Road, Llanilltud Fawr i'w chau o'r gyffordd â Boverton Road am 5m i'r gogledd.

Llwybr Amgen Pan fydd y ffordd ar gau bydd dargyfeiriadau ar hyd Boverton Amger Road, Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr, Llanmaes Road a'r adran o Eagleswell Road sydd dal ar agor.

Lleoliad 2 Boverton Road, Llanilltud Fawr o'r gyffordd â Eagleswell Road am 25m i'r gogledd-orllewin

Llwybr Amgen Pan fydd y ffordd ar gau bydd dargyfeiriadau ar hyd adran orllewinol Boverton Road, Le Poulliguen Way, Station Road, Heol Fawr, Heol y Bont-faen, Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr, ac adran ddwyreiniol Boverton Road.

Ni fydd trefniadau hyn i gau'r ffyrdd hyn ar yr un pryd.

Rheswm I wneud gwaith gwella ar Reoli Llifogydd yn Nhrefebefed.

Hyd O 6.00am dydd Llun 24 Ebrill am ddim mwy na 18 mis

Llwybr Amgen Bydd gwyriadau i draffig ar gael trwy gyffordd y ffordd newydd oddi ar Ffordd Caerdydd sydd i'r de o gyffordd Cross Common Road.

DS: Sicrhair mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig 20 Ebrill 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(EAGLESWELL ROAD (PART) AND BOVERTON ROAD (PART)) LLANTWIT MAJOR (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

1. On 20th April 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as 'The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Eagleswell Road (Part) and Boverton Road (Part)) Llantwit Major (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order' 2017.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location 1 Eagleswell Road, Llantwit Major to be closed from its junction with Boverton Road for a distance of 5m in a northerly direction.

Alt Route During this closure diversions via Boverton Road, Llantwit Major Bypass, Llanmaes Road, and the remaining open section of Eagleswell Road will be available.

Location 2 Boverton Road, Llantwit Major from its junction with Eagleswell Road for a distance of 25m in a north westerly direction.

Alt Route During this closure diversions via the western section of Boverton Road, Le Poulliguen Way, Station Road, High Street, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major Bypass, and the eastern section of Boverton Road will be available.

These two closures will not be in force at the same time.

Reason To allow Boverton Flood Risk improvement works to take place.

Duration From 6.00am on Monday 24th April 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 20th day of April 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



PM's call for snap general election

THE decision by Prime Minister Theresa May to call a snap General Election – on June 8 – has been met, perhaps predictably, by different views.

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, said: "On June 8 we have an opportunity to vote for the strong and stable leadership that both Wales and Britain need to see us through Brexit and beyond."

"Here in Wales, both Labour and the Welsh nationalists have been in denial over Brexit, and have sought to undermine the process at every stage."

"As we move through this period of national change, voters across the UK will face a choice

between the leadership of Theresa May or the chaos and incompetence of Jeremy Corbyn."

However, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon took a very different view.

She told The GEM: "This is another broken promise from Mrs May. A Remain voter, she now wants a Hard Brexit."

"A commitment to no early general election dismissed as easily as parts of the recent Budget. We are being asked to waste two of the 24 months to negotiate the hard Brexit May promises, while also facing crisis in Syria and North Korea."

"This is the actions of an opportunist politician, not a solid reliable PM putting her country first."

Barry's 'Mr Sleek' in weight-loss mission throughout the Vale

A dad-of-four from Barry is now embarking on a life changing career after being crowned Mr Sleek UK since losing an incredible ten and a half stone!

Now, Martin Woodford is on a mission to reach out and help as many people within the Vale to achieve their weight loss dreams too.

At his heaviest he weighed more than 27 stone and suffered a string of health problems including diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, sciatica and severe back pain. It left him fearing he wouldn't be around to see his children grow up.

Since dropping to 14st 2lbs and losing 12 inches from his waist, the 45-year-old embarked on new career in July 2016 and is now an award-winning Slimming World consultant.

Martin says his weight problems began after an abusive childhood and he fluctuated in size throughout his teens, 20s and early 30s.

However, it was after his triplets were born in 2008 that he saw his weight increase dramatically: "They were born three months premature and suffered



Martin Woodford before and after.

varying degrees of health problems. It was a very difficult time and I practically lived at the hospital, so my eating habits suffered badly."

VICIOUS CYCLE

As time went on Martin's weight impacted on his physical and emotional health. He suffered from depression and said: "Because of all of my health issues I was a regular visitor to hospital, I was in a bad way."

"I was so ashamed of myself that I didn't want to leave the house, and I had no energy to do anything so I'd just sit on the sofa and eat junk food every night. It was a vicious cycle."

"The fact is, I had given up on who I was after a lifetime of being told that I would never amount to anything. I was determined that

something had to change. He explained: "When I first joined Slimming World, I was shy and embarrassed so I sat at the back and didn't speak to anyone to start with but staying at the class helped me immensely - the love and support from my consultant and the family atmosphere of the group was unlike any other I had tried before. The plan was easy to follow and more importantly - I was never hungry!"

HÔME COOKED Martin soon discovered that food optimising was a world away from the restrictive diets and quick-fixes he had tried before - including diet pills. He swapped his junk food dinners for healthy home-cooked meals, including his favourite homemade Chicken tikka

masala with boiled rice, and found he could still enjoy treats too.

Martin enthused: "What I love about Food Optimising is that it's not a diet, it's completely sustainable and nothing is off limits. ... I even eat chocolate every day!"

His health has now improved dramatically.

He's also taken on a new role of becoming a Slimming World Consultant to help and inspire others on their weight loss goals.

Martin said: "I'm now helping 300 members lose weight each week but I'm on a mission to help lower the obesity rates within the Vale in my new role as Team Developer."

"We need more groups in the locality and it is astonishing to note that 53 per cent of the Vale's population is overweight or obese."

If you're a member (past or present) and would like to find out more about being a consultant, contact Martin on: 07827 445570. His own Slimming World groups are at Buttrills Community Centre on Wednesdays at 5.30pm and 7.30pm and Saturdays at 7.30, 9.30 and 11.30am

'Remembering last walk of Jesus to Calvary' Good Friday 'March of Witness' in Penarth



The March of Witness took place through Penarth on Good Friday.

THE annual March of Witness organised by Penarth Cytûn (Council of Churches) took place in cloudy conditions on Good Friday in Penarth.

The march went

ahead with the help of the stewards in their orange jackets, and was organised by John Squire.

The marchers were met with a respectful response from the shoppers on Windsor Road and the tolerance of motorists, whose journeys were delayed

at the roundabout and crossroads.

The procession which had started from the top of Arcot Street, went along Plassey Street, Glebe Street, Windsor Road and Stanwell Road and finally ended on the lawns of West House.

There were more

than 200 marchers and the final service was delivered by the Chair of Cytûn, Rev Phyl Fanning who had led the march behind the cross carrier Christian Vaughan-Morris.

The Mayor of Penarth, Coun Mike Cuddy, read the Gospel message and following the singing of the final hymn, 'When I survey the wondrous cross', the Rev Fanning thanked everyone for their support in the silent act of witness as the Christians of Penarth remembered the last walk of Jesus to Calvary, to die for the sins of the world.

There were fewer attending the 'Sonrise Service' led by Rev Phyl Fanning on the cliffs at the top of the Esplanade on Easter Day, but they were rewarded with the most glorious sunrise.

The sound for both services was organised by Graham Niblett, who has been supporting this for more than 30 years - which is a remarkable record of commitment and consistent early rising!

RNLI calling on public to 'Push the Boat Out'

THE RNLI is calling on the public to Push The Boat Out on Saturday, May 13 by supporting the charity's national annual fundraising event - Mayday.

The RNLI has set a challenge for supporters to push an Arancia lifeboat around Cardiff's International Sport Stadium for 12 hours on May 13.

This is the first challenge of its kind set by the RNLI in Wales as the charity aims to raise £750,000 throughout the month of May to help kit the volunteer lifeboat crews across the coast.

The RNLI is asking people to 'do your bit, fund our kit' this May Day and anyone who wishes to get involved in Push the Boat Out can sign up at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/push-the-boat-out-tickets-33275712552.

A total of £25 per person will be required from each team member to register, as well as a minimum of £25 per person in sponsorship for their efforts.

Jen Abell, RNLI Community Fundraising Manager said: "Push the Boat Out is a great opportunity for community groups, corporate companies or friends and family to test their teamwork as they push an Arancia lifeboat - like the ones used by the RNLI's lifeguards - around the track."

"Last year, RNLI lifeboat crews in Wales launched 1,185 times, rescuing 1,162 people and saving 73 lives."

"RNLI volunteer lifeboat crews around the UK and Ireland are willing to drop everything to go and save lives at sea when their pagers beep. The May Day campaign is our own call for help, as we rely on the generosity of the public to help us continue our lifesaving service, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

For more information or to sign up for the event visit: rnl.org/mayday/events/2017/may/rnli-mayday-push-the-boat-out-challenge-event-and-family-fun-day.



CABARET NIGHT

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL PET MONTH AND OUR SPECIAL LOVED-ONES

NATIONAL PET MONTH runs from April 1 until May 1 and to celebrate it The GEM asked readers to send in images of their dogs and cats.

The idea behind National Pet Month is to encourage responsible ownership and support for animal charities.

We had a magnificent response – and many GEM readers were keen to point out that our beloved pets all have their own personalities and endearing traits.

We will endeavour to get in as many images as possible over the next few weeks.



This is Sharon Blake's three-year-old Staffordshire Bull terrier 'Sally socks' from Llantwit Major enjoying a lovely, sunny day.



James Crosbie's Jack Russell, Toto loves playing football.



David Moore's Bassett-Dachshund cross. Lola (or Smiler!) is really chilled out.



Chris and David Swidenbank from Porthcawl love their Dogs Trust rescue dogs Maisey, a black and white crossbreed, and Pippa a black crossbreed. It's great to see rescue dogs arrive in a happy home.



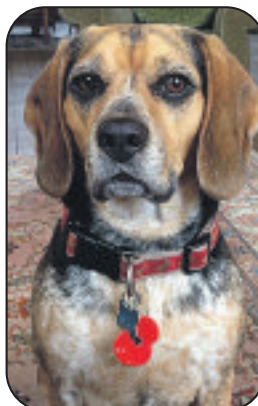
Dawn Snowden-Hunt's Jess enjoying a day out in the country.



Mr and Mrs Jones of Peterston-Super-Ely love Lucy their six-month-old cat.



Tracey Bristow's happy dog Bonnie.



Another image of the aptly named Poppy!



Lianne Young's cat and dog, Willow, the half-Bengal, and Poppy the Beagle, love cuddling up to each other



Chris Goring from Barry told The GEM: "This is Lucky. She is a nine-year-old rescued Lurcher. As you can see from the attached shot she likes her home comforts!"



Sisters Holly and Abbie Allen, who live in St Athan, love Smudge. They say: "He's three years old and a complete character."



Neville and Jennifer Young have two miniature Schnauzers. Pixie Lott is sitting astride Lola.



Silistria Jennings' Jack Russell, Buttons is five years old and 'loves getting into trouble'.



Ceri Watts said: "This is my dog Dot and you can see she's a unique breed! This image was taken during a walk in Porthkerry woods."

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW PROVIDES A MEMORABLE WEEKEND

THE Royal Horticultural Show in Cardiff heralded the start of the gardening season.

The festival ran from April 7 to April 9, and there was lots to excite and inspire garden lovers.

It is the society's first major outdoor show of the 2017 season.

Among the visitors were people from the Vale and Bridgend.

Photographer Glyn Evans was on hand to capture some of the special images of the weekend, and the people who were enjoying it.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting: E-Mail: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone 07791 228684 www.ffotoimage.co.uk



MERCHED Y WAWR LEARNS ABOUT THE WORLD OF FASHION

FOR the April Ym mis Ebrill meeting, Merched Y trefnwyd ymweliad Wawr arranged a â siop ffasiwn visit by 'Bethan Jones ar y Bethan Jones ar y Jones Fashions' on Stryd Fawr yn Y Bont-faen lle'r oedd Bethan wedi paratoi'n drylwyr ar ein cyfer.

Bethan welcomed members with a glass of wine and Welsh cakes, while she outlined her career in the world of fashion.

A native of Ammanford, Bethan followed a course in fashion at Carmarthenshire College. Her first job was as a cutter for Slimma and she subsequently went on to work in different roles for Dewhurst and Marks and Spencer.

When she became technical director of fashion for M&S, she travelled the world to train people on the production of quality clothes.

Five years ago, Bethan ventured into clothes production under her own label and opened a shop in Carmarthen. A year ago, she opened her second shop in Cowbridge.

Carol, one of Bethan's clients, modelled clothes made for her for a range of occasions and Val modelled clothes sold in the shop.

This gave the group an opportunity to examine the fine materials and admire the work at close range.

The group also visited the workshop above the showroom, where Bethan explained the process of producing bespoke garments.

Merched y Wawr thanked Bethan for giving a warm welcome and for planning an interesting evening.

Ymlaen â hi wedyn i gyflawni gwahanol swyddi i gwmnïau Dewhurst a Marks and Spencer lle daeth yn Gyfarwyddwr Technegol Ffasiwn gan deithio'r byd yn hyfforddi pobl ar sut i gynhyrchu dillad o ansawdd da.

Pum mlynedd yn ôl penderfynodd fynd ar ei liwt ei hun gan agor siop yng Nghaerfyrddin i gynhyrchu dillad dan label Bethan Jones. Y llynedd agorodd ei hail siop yn Y Bontfaen. Roedd dwy fodel yno i arddangos y dillad yn eu holl ogoniant.

Carol, un o gleientiaid Bethan, a fodelodd dillad a gynhyrwydd iddi hi'n bersonol ar gyfer gwahanol aclysuron ynghyd â Val a fodelodd dillad a werthir yn y siop. Rhoddodd hyn gyfle i ni gyffwrdd â'r deunyddiau cain ac edmygu'r gwneuthuriad cywrair. Cawsom wedyn ymweld â'r gweithdy uwchben y siop lle cynhyrhir dillad sy'n unigryw i bob cleient.

Mawr yw ein diolch i Bethan am ein croesawu mor gynnes ac am baratoi noswaith hynod o ddiddorol ar ein cyfer.

Plan ahead to spare your family concern at a later time

PLANNING for later life is not an easy thing to do, but it can be reassuring to know that you've taken care of your funeral arrangements in advance.

This enables you to relax knowing that your family will be spared difficult decisions and unexpected financial obligations. Therefore, taking out a plan is one of the most sensible things you can do for your family and can

provide real financial benefits by securing funeral directors' fees at today's prices.

We offer bespoke pre-paid funeral plans from Ecclesiastical Planning Services, tailored to your personal wishes and including a contribution for the specific disbursement elements you require.

Call in to Penarth Funeral Directors, Hickman Road Funeral Home for information or request details by calling 02920 703581.

Penarth Funeral Directors

Hickman Road Funeral Home



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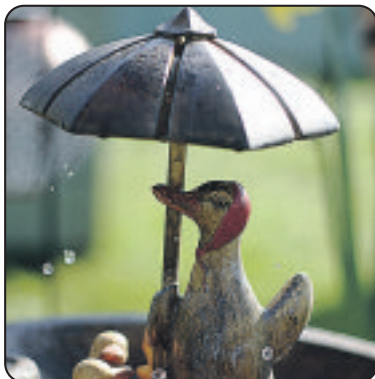
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Supporting local charities with monthly donations



CHARITY FISHING COMPETITION IN LLANTWIT MAJOR

Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Open 2017

Sunday 30th April 2017

Hosted by Country Stores, Gowerton



*All proceeds from
Entry & Raffle
go to chosen charity
'Jade's Wish to Walk'.*

1st Prize - £250

(Donated by Mark & Kelly of Q-Fished Llandow)

2nd Prize - £100

(Donated by Maria Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe)

3rd Prize - £75

(Donated by Mike Clemetts of Llandow)

and as always many other table prizes!!!

Fishing 2pm - 6.30pm. Weigh in at Beach Cafe.

(All cards must be in by 7.30pm).

Pre-book: Barry Angling/Anglers Supplies/Bobs Tackle/Garry Evans/Fishing World/Holton Road Angling/Keens.

Book in on the day: Llantwit Major Beach Cafe from 9am.

Boundaries: Summerhouse Look Out Point, Boverton to High Ledges at Marcross (Minimum fish sizes on cards).

GARRY EVANS Penn Points & Garry Evans Sea Master Qualifier

• £10 entry plus optional pool £1 (Heaviest Rockling). Juniors free entry under 16.

• Special prize for 'No fish' card - must be claimed at weigh in personally!

• Don't forget The Raffle!

All enquiries Mark Cowell on 07721 791210

This is a catch, weigh and release competition - all fish can be weighed & returned - to be weighed in kilos on digital scales & fish card signed by bona fide participating angler.

**THE first 2017
Llantwit
Major
charity fishing
competition takes
place on Sunday,
April 30, to raise
funds for Jade
Owen and Jade's
Wish To Walk.**

Jade was born with spastic-mixed cerebral palsy affecting all of her limbs but mainly her legs. All cash raised from the entry and raffle will go towards helping buy a special walker which Jade needs to strengthen her legs before her next big operation in America - Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy - to reduce the spasticity in her legs.

As always, huge support has been received from local businesses and anglers and special thanks must go to Mark and Kelly of Q-Fished Llandow for donating the first prize of £250, Marie Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe for donating second prize of £100, and Mike Clemett of Squirrel Wales Llandow for donating the third prize of £75.

Raffle prizes have been donated by Filco Foods, The New Best Kebab and Ben's Barbers and there are lots of other prizes up for grabs!

Anglers can pre-book at Barry Angling, Anglers Supplies, Bob's Tackle, Garry Evans, Fishing World, Holton Road Angling and Keens or at Llantwit Major Beach Cafe on the morning from 9am and enjoy a hearty cooked breakfast before the competition.

If anyone has any enquiries please contact Mark on 07721 791210 or Sally on 07773 273885.

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Bonny bonnets!



A carnival of colour at Barry Library as youngsters put on their bonnets.



THE Easter bonnet parade and competition (above pictures) took place at Barry Library on April 15, where a creative range of Easter bonnets was on display. Everyone was a winner.

Are you running an 'innovative' event? HELP MAY BE AT HAND!

UP to £3,000 of funding could be available for organisers looking to deliver new and innovative events in the Vale.

In order to qualify for funding, organisers will need to demonstrate to a council panel that their event will meet certain criteria - such as showing the potential to attract visitors from outside of the area.

The council has previously supported a number of successful events, and the local authority is now keen to broaden the offer for 2017-18 by lending a

helping hand to new independent events in order to help them grow. Organisers who wish to apply for funding for events taking place before the end of March 2018 should contact the Vale Council's events team by emailing sejones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or visiting www.visitthevale.com/events

All event grant applications will be reviewed regularly by the panel until all of the funds have been allocated to the successful applicants.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

**(LLWYBR TROED RHIF 2 PEN-MARC)
(CAU DROS DRO) 2017**

Ar 20 Ebrill 2017, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) Orchymyn a fydd yn gorffodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodleni isod:

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 20 Ebrill 2017 ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Llwybr Troed Rhif 2 Pen-marc (Cau Dros Dro) 2017.

Os ydych chi gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 20 Ebrill 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

ATODLEN 1

Ni chaiff unrhyw gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Llwybr troed (Hawl Dramwy Gyhoeddus) a elwir yn Ben-marc Rhif 2 rhwng grid 306021 165779 a thua'r gorllewin i grid 305112 165911
Llwybr Arall	Pan fydd yr hysbysiad hwn ar waith bydd gwyrdd ar gyfer cerddwyr sy'n teithio tua'r gorllewin ar hyd llwybr troed Rhif 1 Pen-marc o grid 306021 165779 tua'r gogledd i Station Road, yna droi i'r chwith i Stewart Road, yna droi i'r chwith i Fontygary Road, ac yna barhau ar hyd y ffordd hon i'r ffordd fynediad i Faes Carafanau Fontygary Bay, yna barhau ar hyd llwybr troed Rhif 1 Pen-marc i ben gorllewinol y llwybr sydd ar gau wrth grid 305112 165911, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.
Rheswm	Atal niwed i gerddwyr yn sgil creigiau'n disgyn o ymyl y clogwyn
Hyd	O 00.01 ar 20 Ebrill 2017 am gyfnod hyd at chwe mis
Dyddiedig 20 Ebrill 2017.	
	M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

**(PENMARK PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 2)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017**

On the 20th April 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

The Order shall come into force on 20th April 2017 and will be known as 'The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penmark Public Footpath No 2 (Temporary Closure) Order 2017.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 20th April 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Footpath (Public Rights of Way) known as Penmark Number 2 between grid 306021 165779 and continuing in a westerly direction to grid 305112 165911
Alt Route	During this closure a diversion for westbound pedestrians shall be available via footpath known as Penmark No 1 from grid 306021 165779 in a northerly direction to Station Road, then turning left into Stewart Road, then turning left into Fontygary Road, and continuing along this road to the access road into Fontygary Bay Caravan Park, then continuing along footpath known as Penmark No 3, to the western end of the closure at grid 305112 165911, and vice-versa.
Reason	To prevent danger to pedestrians as a result of cliff edge rock falls
Duration	From 00.01 on 20th April 2017 for a maximum period of 6 months
Dated this 20th day of April 2017.	
	M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



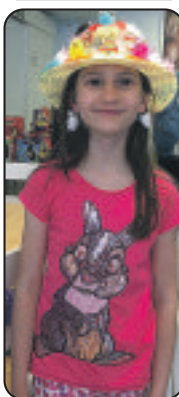
JOY OF EASTER AT HIGH STREET AS YOUNGSTERS ENJOY ANNUAL PARADE

ONE of Barry's great traditions is the annual Easter Bonnet Parade in High Street.

This year the judges were Jane Hutt AM, Alun Cairns MP and the Glamorgan GEM's very own Jan Irving.

Photographer Kevin Moore captured the key moments in what was a splendid day.

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What's on, and where?

Farmers' Market

THE next Farmers' Market at Porthcawl will be this Saturday, April 22 at the Griffin Park Community Hall in New Road, Porthcawl.

We will have a good selection of locally produced foods including bread, cakes and pastries from Cerdin Foods and a range of top quality organic meat from Penrhif Farm. There will also be a range of local crafts available at the market.

Councillors' surgery

DYFAN ward councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell will hold a residents' surgery in Highlight Park Community Centre at 10am on Saturday, April 22.

All residents are welcome to attend, no appointment necessary.

Barry Museum Barry at War Museum holds its spring model show on Sunday, April 23.

It will feature many models produced by the south Wales branch of the Miniature Armoured Fighting Vehicles Association, which attends modelling exhibitions across the UK and the continent. Other models will be on display including aircraft and ships.

Anyone interested in plastic modelling will be able to try constructing some models for themselves.

The model show opens at 1pm at the Barry

at War Museum at Barry Island Railway Station. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Porthcawl art and craft

THE Coast Art and Craft Group meets every Tuesday at Daddy's Diner in Dock Street, Porthcawl at 10.30am and also at the Pavilion Cafe Bar every Thursday morning. Call in and see us!

Home improvement help

IF you would like free and impartial advice on cutting your energy bills, find out if you are eligible for free home improvement grants through the Welsh Government NEST programme.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, April 25 at 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat to one of the NEST advisers. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged on 0808 8082244.

Help with independent living

IF you are a carer and need advice on acquiring aids to make life easier; or wish to live independently, Age Connects are holding an informal advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on April 25 from 10am to 12pm.

Snowdrops Independent Living will give you help on stair lifts, home adaptations, mobility aids etc. They can give advice to householders, carers and relatives to help solve the difficulties of independent living.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Barry Floral Society

'JOYS of Spring' is the title of the demonstration for members of the Barry Floral Society by Mrs Sue Blandford of Usk on Tuesday, April 25 at 2.15pm at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. New members always welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Tuesday, April 25 at 1.30pm, 'Spring Lambs and Coastal Views' starting at Dinas Powys Common, opposite Twynwyn.

On Wednesday, April 26 at 9.45am, 'Legends', starting at the Horse and Jockey pub, Wenvoe, CF5 6BG.

On April 26 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on April 26 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major town hall car park.

On Sunday, April 30 at 2pm, 'Coastal Path and Park', starting at the cliff top car park, Penarth.

Age Connects spring Fair

THE Age Connects Senior Health Shop at

38 Holton Road, Barry will hold a spring fair on Thursday, April 27.

This takes place from 10am to 12pm with free admission. Jane Hutt AM will open the fair and there will be a wide range of attractive stalls including cakes, craft and homemade goods, bric-a-brac, books etc with bargains for all.

Refreshments are available, with a grand prize draw, tickets 20p. All proceeds of the fair will go to the Senior Health Shop.

Gardening Club

C O W B R I D G E Gardening Club members are reminded that the AGM, plant sale and quiz will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

GVS 'Directory of Services'

DID you know there is a range of voluntary and community groups working in the Vale, all providing support in the community?

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) works with over 700 voluntary and community organisations, which provide many different services. So, how do you find out more about what is available in the community?

GVS has produced a Directory of Services for Older People and a Directory of Services for Carers. Both are available on our website at www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/health-social-care-wellbeing/directories-of-services.

There are also other directories, including one for mental health services and one for learning disability services. You can also search the Dewis Cymru website, www.dewis.wales, for information about what is available locally.

GVS: 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales Website: www.gvs.wales

Miss Junior Teen to represent Vale in national title

JAZ CUGGY has won the title of Miss Junior Teen Vale of Glamorgan and a place in the grand final of Miss Junior Teen Great Britain 2017.

Jaz, from Cowbridge, has beaten hundreds of teens from across the country to make it to the grand final.

She said: "I am so excited to have made it to the final - it is a great achievement. The support I have had so far has been phenomenal."

The winner of Miss Junior Teen Great Britain will walk away with prizes including £500, dresses from The Dress Studio and a sparkling sash and crown.

The final takes place



Jaz Cuggy will compete in the national final of Miss Junior Teen later in the year.

on October 22 at The Globe in Blackpool. The finalists will enjoy activities such as a beauty queen challenge day and a pajama diva party at the Village Hotel.

Jaz has received sponsorship from Organic Smile Teeth, Aruba Beauty Salon, Nicky Lawrence-Millard for makeup at appearances and Jessica Caldwell for acrylics.

Alongside the excitement of appearing in the finals, Jaz will be making appearances at charity events, shop openings and agricultural shows. Jaz is still seeking sponsors for the final, so if anyone is interested, email JazCuggy@aol.com

Jaz will be raising money for her chosen charity, Together for Short Lives, where donations can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/mfundraising/jazcuggy> MTGBsemifinalist.



Litter picking on Barry Island Promenade - volunteers love meeting up and doing something useful for the community.

Hafod's 'Walk and talk' is good for individuals and community

HAFOD Care provides a support service for vulnerable people based at Golau Caredig in Barry.

Staff members work with residents who live at Golau, and also work in the community. The walk and talk group was started in January 2017 with the aim of promoting health and wellbeing and preventing isolation.

A spokesman explained: "Within the group they also thought it would be good to give a little something back to the local community and the idea of litter picking was suggested."

"They meet the last Thursday of every month at the café Bay 5 on

Barry Island Promenade, and everyone is more than welcome. You can join in with as much or as little as you want to. Their aim is to make new friends, get fit and look after the environment while having fun!"

Debbie Bywater told The GEM: "If you don't fancy litter picking just come along for the walk and chat, if you don't fancy the walk just come along for the chat! It is just lovely to see people getting together and enjoying themselves."

So why not join them the last Thursday of every month between 1pm - 3pm. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the support team on 01446 731945.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO) ((RHAN O) PARK ROAD A (RHAN O) HARBOUR ROAD) Y BARRI 2017

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu, o fewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlen isod: -

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Bydd **Park Road**, y Barri ar gau o'r gyffordd â St Nicholas Road a Park Crescent am 20m tua'r gorllewin.

Llwybr Arall Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio tua'r dwyrain ar waith ar hyd y rhan o Park Road, Romilly Park Road a St Nicholas Road sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith.

Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio tua'r gorllewin ar hyd St Nicholas Road, Park Avenue, rhan "un ffordd" Harbour Road, hyd at The Ship Hotel, rhan "un ffordd" St Nicholas Road, Romilly Park Road, a'r rhan o Park Road sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith.

Lleoliad 2 Bydd Harbour Road, y Barri ar gau o'r gyffordd â St Nicholas Road a Park Crescent am 15m tua'r dwyrain.

Llwybr Arall Bydd gwyriadau lleol ag arwyddion ar hyd y rhan o Harbour Road a Cannon Street sydd dal ar agor pan fo'r hysbysiad hwn ar waith.

Rheswm Galluogi gwaith adnewyddu'r Prif Bibelli Nwy.

Hyd O 08.00 dydd Llun 8 Mai 2017 am hyd at 18 mis er y disgwyllr cwblhau'r gwaith erbyn 22 Mai 2017.

DS: Sicrhier mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig 20 Ebrill 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwnef. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PARK ROAD (PART) AND HARBOUR ROAD (PART)) BARRY (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location 1 Park Road, Barry will be closed from its junction with St Nicholas Road and Park Crescent for a distance of 20m in a westerly direction.

Alt Route Signed local diversions for eastbound traffic shall be in place via the remaining open section of Park Road, Romilly Park Road and St Nicholas Road during the time of the closure.

Signed local diversions for westbound traffic shall be in place via St Nicholas Road, Park Avenue, the "one way" section of Harbour Road, as far as The Ship Hotel, the "one way" section of St Nicholas Road, Romilly Park Road, and the remaining open section of Park Road during the time of the closure.

Location 2 Harbour Road, Barry will be closed from its junction with St Nicholas Road and Park Crescent for a distance of 15m in an easterly direction.

Alt Route Signed local diversions via the remaining open section of Harbour Road and Cannon Street shall be in place during the time of the closure.

Reason To allow Gas Main refurbishment works to take place.

Duration From 08.00hrs on Monday 8th May 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months although the works are anticipated to be completed by 22nd May 2017

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 20th day of April 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Brexit is 'democratic will of the people'

IN response to Mr Evans' letter in last week's GEM, entitled 'Brexit: Britain has inflicted much self harm'.

Whatever side you stood for on the Brexit Referendum, you wanted a clear and massive majority, and sadly that wasn't so. The turnout to vote was massive, the majority was, however, greater than that which initiated the Welsh Assembly.

The Referendum was indeed brought to the country by the Tories as an election manifesto pledge, although the campaign and 'Project Fear' was a cross-party thing.

The PM Theresa May herself campaigned for the Remain side, as did our MP, Alun Cairns. To their credit and many other former Remainers' credit, they are now carrying out the democratic will of the majority of the country who could be bothered to vote and drove through Brexit.

Many Labour majority areas, such as the Welsh valleys voted overwhelmingly in favour of leaving the EU, although that fact

seems lost on some of their MPs.

I don't believe the result will be perfect, nor do I believe that we have the right people negotiating it, but whatever the result is, it will be one made by us here in Britain, and not one imposed upon us by EU bureaucrats and Frau Merkel et al.

As a country we need to look at Brexit as a positive.

Yes; Britain is a trading nation, but not all of our businesses are exporters to the EU. Under their rules however, which have been lobbied for by big business, every business in the EU has to conform. For some that is financially unviable, giving the advantage to big businesses at the expense of small local traders.

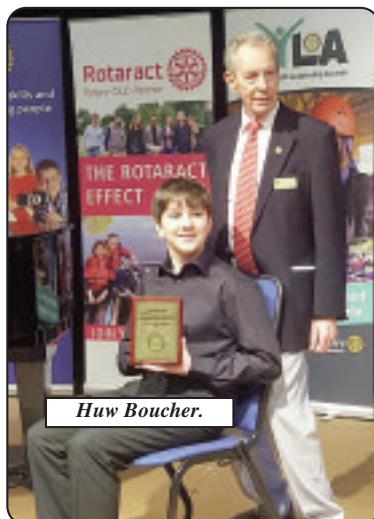
Brexit is now happening, and everyone has bated breath as to how the negotiations will play out, but with the amount of EU-made cars on the roads, I have faith that we will find a positive solution for Britain. Trade figures so far prove this.

Ade Pitman, Independent candidate, Cadoc Ward.

STANWELL SCHOOL NEWS ROUND-UP



Samuel Ingram.



Huw Boucher.



Lead Creative Schools project.

Sixth form geography conference visit

IN January, year-13 pupils attended Ty Hywel to partake in the MockCOP, organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship and Size of Wales.

The day was centred on agreeing a series of targets for countries to meet, with the aim of minimising the impacts of climate change. The schools present each represented a country, with Stanwell representing Germany.

The pupils showed an excellent understanding of the global issues and were involved in engaging and well informed debates throughout the day.

Sixth form geography fieldwork

EARLY February saw year-12 visiting the Townsend Residential Study Centre in Swanage, Dorset to carry out a coastal fieldwork investigation using a number of fieldwork techniques.

Despite the wind and rain, the pupils carried out beach profiling and measured the speed of longshore drift. Time was also spent assessing the beach management techniques that have been put in place and evaluating their effectiveness.

Welsh Guards workshop

BACK in February, musicians from Stanwell participated in a workshop/concert day with the band of the Royal Welsh Guards.

It involved rehearsing with the band in the morning, followed by a concert performance in the afternoon. All students performed



Betsi Watkins.

superbly and the bandmaster praised them on the quality of their playing to an appreciative audience who were treated to a variety of music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* to traditional American marches.

St David's Day parade

The Welsh department took the school's years-7 and 8 pupils to the St David's Day parade in Cardiff where they were fortunate to have the company of Mr Giles from the music and his brass ensemble.

One highlight of the parade was when they met Chris Coleman and had the chance to discuss the new film *Don't Take Me Home*. Another highlight was our ensemble entertaining the crowd with 'Sosban Fach'.

Lead Creative Schools project

A VERY lucky group of year-8 pupils had an exciting and unexpected experience in March at Restaurant James Sommerin on Penarth Esplanade.

The students are part of a class taking part in a project with Lead Creative Schools and are in the process of making a travel app for

Welsh Learners, called Perllau Penarth (The Pearls of Penarth) which will be launched on April 6 this year.

The children sampled a myriad of delights from a taster menu, including caviar, wild garlic, scallops, crab, lamb, cherry soufflé and marzipan ice-cream.

Diolch yn fawr James and team for a wonderful evening!

Excellence in music and sport

Year-7 pupil Betsi Watkins represented the school playing her clarinet at the Vale of Glamorgan Holocaust Memorial exhibition at Barry Arts Centre.

Her performance was very moving and enjoyed by all.

Regular readers of our updates will be familiar with the impressive musical career of Huw Boucher of year-9, who has already won several major competitions.

He has added another title to his collection as he won first prize for the harp in the regional final of the Rotary International Young Instrumentalist competition.

Huw will now compete against regional winners from all over the UK and Ireland in the grand

final at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama on May 6.

Congratulations to Kobe Stephenson of year-9, who competed in the UK International Tae Kwon Do Federation National competition in Bath. He had a very successful day, winning gold in sparring and silver in the age 14-15 patterns category.

We continue to follow his flourishing sporting career with interest.

Another sporting career we are following is year-10 pupil Emily Griffiths, who in March was crowned Welsh Champion in the junior boxing 54kg girls' category. After a thrilling contest, Emily won her bout on points.

Congratulations also go to Samuel Ingram of year-7 who won the gold medal in the Cardiff and Vale Area Scouts swimming gala for under-12 freestyle. Samuel was awarded the Robert Dummett Memorial Trophy. Well done Samuel.



Kobe Stephenson.



Sixth form geography conference.

New cycle scheme aims to get girls 'on the move'

A FREE cycling scheme began at Cosmeston last weekend, aiming to get more Vale girls 'on the move'.

Making up part of the council's 'Girls on the Move' scheme, the cycling session saw a number of young Vale girls bring their helmets and bikes along for the launch of the beginners' course.

The course – taking place every Saturday in April between 10am and

12pm – is held in partnership with Welsh Cycling and Breeze Rides, and provides women and girls aged 10 and over with the opportunity to hone their riding skills in an enclosed area, before going on a ride around Cosmeston Park itself.

The sessions are said to be ideal for anyone wishing to improve their confidence on their bike, with mums and daughters encouraged to attend.

Anyone wanting to book a space at a

session can contact the council's Sport and Play Development team on 01446 704808, or email Rachel Shepherd on rshepherd@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

The Girls on the Move scheme was set up in order to encourage more girls to take part in sport more frequently, and has seen the Council host glowminton, running and dancing sessions in the past.

For all the latest news from your area -
glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Nathaniel Mitsubishi, Bridgend rated among top UK car dealers

A MITSUBISHI dealership in Bridgend is celebrating after a survey conducted by Auto Express magazine revealed it to be in the top five per cent of car dealers in the UK.

Nathaniel Mitsubishi, on David Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, scored a rating of 7.9 out of 10 to be included in the leading automotive magazine's top 1,000 list of car dealers.

Compiled in conjunction with Driver Power and data analyst Statista, and based on the results of polled customers and peer-to-peer recommendations, the

survey saw more than 20,000 new and used car dealers scored on quality of advice, price and overall satisfaction.

Commenting on the survey, Steve Fowler, Editor-in-Chief of Auto Express, said: "Finding a good, trustworthy dealer can be a big problem for car owners. So this survey provides them with a clear idea of local garages that will provide a high level of service at a decent price."

Wayne Griffiths, of Nathaniel Mitsubishi, said: "We were delighted to see ourselves ranked in the top 1,000 car dealerships in the country and it confirms that our efforts to provide an excellent customer experience are certainly working."

On Nathaniel Mitsubishi and other Mitsubishi dealerships being included in the list, Toby Marshall, sales and marketing director, Mitsubishi Motors in the UK, said: "I would like to congratulate our dealers who made Auto Express' top 1,000 car dealerships."

"Considering the sheer volume of car dealerships in the country, to be included in the list is a fantastic achievement and our dealers can feel proud that the service they provide is recognised to be among the best around."

To contact Nathaniel Mitsubishi, visit them on David Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, or call 01656 662255.

Europe is calling for the Penarth Hockey Club firsts!

PENARTH Hockey Club's recent resurgence has led to a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to represent Wales at the highest level of European competition, but time is of the essence to raise the funds needed to compete successfully.

Back-to-back GoCrea8 league titles and promotions, as well as the chance to repeat as Welsh Trophy winners later this month, have earned the first XI an invitation to the EuroHockey Club Challenge in the Ukraine at the start of June, but

the timing of the opportunity means that the race is now on to secure as much of the estimated £7,500 travel expenses as possible. Penarth have been slotted in Pool A of an eight-team tournament to be staged in Vinnitsa in west-central Ukraine between June 1-5. The draw pits the Bears against opposition from Belarus, Croatia and the Czech Republic, while the host club tackles rivals from Portugal, Denmark and Bulgaria in the other group.

"This is an opportunity that doesn't come along very often," PHC player-coach Ben Croxall commented. "Competing in Europe would be a notable first in the club's history and, naturally, we would love

to showcase the obvious talent of our players and coaches on the biggest stage we have yet been offered."

Travel plans are currently being prepared for an 18-man playing squad, with return flights to Kiev and four nights' accommodation in Vinnitsa being the principal costs facing the Bears.

The club is hoping to attract sponsors to help alleviate some of the financial burden, but have already formulated a number of money-raising ideas, including setting up a crowdfunding page, which can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Penarthhockeyclub>.

"Penarth is one of hockey's modern success

stories, an organisation with a long history that is now back on the road to the highest echelons of the sport thanks to the commitment of a group of determined individuals," Croxall continued.

"Hard work on and off the pitch over the past two seasons has resulted in back-to-back league titles and successive promotions for the first XI - as well as similar success at lower levels - and the invitation to compete in Europe represents the next step along the road to restoring the club's former glories."

"The club is already planning numerous activities to raise money for the cause, but needs an extra push towards achieving its target."

"This is an opportunity, not only to make it an event to remember for everyone involved with the club, but also to make history for both Penarth and Wales, so any offers of support would be warmly welcomed."

Penarth's first XI will next be in action as they look to defend their Welsh Trophy title against Cardiff University at the Welsh Institute of Sport (Sophia Gardens) on Sunday, April 30 (10am start).

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

When the regular season resumes, training will take place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Barry Yacht Club opens its doors to 'social membership'



Pictured (from right) is long standing club member Ray Brown with new members Ruth and Howell Isaac and Ruth's daughter Lindsey Brown, who is married to Ray's son, Sam.

NO boat? No worries! There are few establishments on Barry Island where folk are able to enjoy a drink and take in a beautiful Channel view.

Barry Yacht Club, in an enviable position overlooking the harbour and Jackson's Bay, is one of them, but these pleasures have until now only been available to full, boat owning or associate members, or to members of the public who have visited the club for an event.

For the first time in its 89 years, Barry Yacht Club has opened the door to social membership. On a

recent Friday, a new social members' get together was attended by around 60 people, a mix of prospective and current members. The atmosphere in the club was buzzing!

New members discovered the benefits of becoming a BYC member which include preferential bar and ticket prices for events at the club... and those views!

If you'd like more information on applying for membership at Barry Yacht Club, get in touch on bycsecretary@hotmail.co.uk, or call 01446 735511.

Facebook: Barry Yacht Club, Twitter: @BarryYacht.

Lee Selby presents Welsh rugby team with shirts



Picture by Liam Hartery.

LEE SELBY, IBF Featherweight world champion boxer was honoured to present under-18 Welsh rugby team with their new shirts before their recent game against Ireland.

Lee told the players to keep disciplined and focused, and went on to explain how discipline and commitment are key in the pursuit of your dream.

CHRIS HARTERY

PG10 win international cup



PG10 celebrated Easter in style winning the Manchester International Cup.

The tournament which was played over two days featured teams from across the world from countries such as Malta, South Africa, France, Norway and Spain.

The under-9s were victorious, beating Maltese side Paola Academy on penalties in the final, the under-12s came third and the

under-8s played in a fun festival.

Peter Griffiths of PG10 said: "We are thrilled for the children in what has been a superb season to date, we push for our players to play against international teams as it helps with their development and a great life experience."

"This season has seen a record number of players get snapped up by professional football club academies - already five players have gone to Premier League clubs. Four former players have

also achieved international honours with Wales and England."

PG10 now travel to Spain to link in with Malaga FC, visiting and playing against the Spanish club, visiting their academy first team training ground and stadium but also provide the players with the unique opportunity to watch Malaga FC v Real Madrid.

PG10 have holding open days on the June 17/18 - to book on the days please go to www.aventixuk.com.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

EASTER Saturday saw Premier Division champions and cup finalists decided with plenty of action along the way.

Vale United were finally crowned Premier Division Champions as they followed up a midweek 2-1 win over St Athan with a 4-2 victory over Island Marine thanks to goals from Ryan Jenkins, Owyn Poole (2) and Jack Dummett.

Having won every one of their league fixtures so far United are deserved champions. Now their attention turns to completing a flawless season, maintaining their 100 per cent record in the league and compete an exceptional treble with ASRS and Barry Cup finals coming up.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division, St Athan got back to winning ways with a 3-1 win against Masons Moving Group away at Severn Avenue with Josh Morgan, James Austin and Bradley Young notching. Barry Athletic's impressive late season resurgence continued with a big 5-1 over Penarth Town, Ben Jones, Nathan Gratton and a Kyle Caton hat trick securing the impressive win.

Division One's Supporters' Cup finally saw the semi-finals played, as Barry Athletic B edged Sully 3-2 after extra time with skipper Spencer Price, Lewis Marsh and Dan Morgan ensuring a place in the final. At Jenner Park they will play SP Billy who

defeated Pumas 3-2. The final will now be played this Sunday, April 23, 2.15pm kick-off at Jenner Park.

In other league action, in Division One Barry Belgrade closed the gap on Barry Athletic B to five points with a game in hand with a 2-1 win over Cardiff Airport B. Cadoxton Barry B got their first win in four, and in some style, as the second bottom club demolished the bottom side Glenbrook 10-2.

In Division Two, the title race was blown wide open as third place Penarth Town B thumped leaders Cadoxton Imps 5-1. Barry Saints followed up on their Dockers Cup win last week with a 7-2 triumph over BV. Barry Saints and Penarth B are both now four points behind Imps and both have a game in hand on the leaders. Rhosee B continued their excellent form with a 1-0 victory over Island Marine B and Pumas B secured their first win league since September with a 1-0 win against St Athan B.

This week it's the Supporters' Cup final as Barry Athletic B will play SP Billy. In league action Rhosee host champions Vale United in the Premier Division, in Division One Pumas host title hopefuls Barry Belgrade and in Division Two it's a crunch title clash as the top two collide, with Cadoxton Imps playing Barry Saints, and Penarth B looking to capitalise on any slip.



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VIZARD

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WAITE (LLOYD)

Marion

It is announced with great sadness that Marion passed away at Holme Tower, Penarth on 8th April 2017. A very dearly loved daughter, sister, wife, aunt and friend.

A private service will be held at Barry Cemetery. Marion will be resting in the Private Chapel of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, where donations to Marie Curie Hospice may be sent.

SUMNER

Sheila Gwyneth

Passed away on 12th April 2017 in Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend, Sheila of St Marie Street. Beloved wife of the late Reg, much loved mother of Ann and David. Treasured grandmother of Caroline, Julia, Philip and great grandmother of James, Oliver, Samuel, Megan and Martha. Loving sister to Jacqui, Ann and the late Joyce.

Sheila will be loved and missed by her family and friends, and will be resting in the D.H. Wilde Chapel of Rest, Mawdlam, North Cornelly until her funeral on 27th April 2017. Service in St Mary's Church, Nolton at 12.45pm, followed by cremation in Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm. Flowers to the Chapel of Rest please, or donations to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend.

Further enquiries to Adrian Oliver, Funeral Director, Bridgend, 01656 665403.

WILLIAMS

Doris Edith

(Née Thompson)

Peacefully on 7th April 2017 at Bellavista Nursing Home, Doris, aged 89 years, formerly of Cartref Porthcwi and Princes Street. Beloved wife of the late Dennis, loved sister of the late Billy, Albert, Evelyn and twin sister Dora, loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews.

Doris will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Salem Baptist Church on Monday, 24th April at 1.15pm followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie will be collected on the day.

KELLY

Margaret Lane (née Davies)

Peacefully on Wednesday, April 12th at the Manor House, St Hilary. Dearly loved wife of Vivian and mother to Richard and Deborah. Former teacher of English and History at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 2pm on Monday, April 24th, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. No flowers by request but donations in lieu to Dementia UK c/o J. James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

Acknowledgments

VENTON

Tom

The family of the late Tom Venton wish to thank all who attended Tom's funeral service and for the many cards and messages received.

Special thanks to the staff at A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their professionalism, Canon Pat O'Gorman for conducting the service, Court Road Surgery, the district nurses and Park Row Carers.

Many thanks for the kind donations received in respect of Dementia UK.

PIDDUCK

Alfred (Alf)

Jill, Gareth, Bethan and Dewi wish to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences, expressed in so many ways, following Alf's passing on 21st March. Many thanks also to all who gave Alf invaluable help and support, especially in the last 12 months.

Special thanks to the Rev. Canon Peter Cox, Vicar of All Saints' Penarth and the Rev Sandra Birdsall, Curate. Thanks also go to Messrs James Summers for their professional services at this difficult time.

A very special man has gone, but his love of life has left us all with some lovely memories.

In Memory

SIM

James (Ginger)

23 April 2010

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Love and miss you, Mum, Dad and family xxx

LEWIS MCGHAN

Birthday memories of a much loved son, brother, uncle and devoted Daddy to Darcie. Remembering you today, Lewis, on your 31st birthday.

To lose someone so special is really hard to bear, it hardly seems believable that you're no longer here.

You left us far too early, before your time it seems; But we all know within our hearts you had fulfilled your dreams.

You always lived life to the full, but ours won't be the same, each day we're challenged with the grief when we speak or hear your name.

We will make a birthday wish today to the angels up above, to place a kiss upon your cheek and send you all our love xxx

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Love Darcie.

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'Candidate can't have forced council to act on chosen issues'

I AM not affiliated to any political party. However, I am fed up with the worst kind of 'would be' politicians running misleading campaigns, and as a Dyfan resident, I will not be voting for either of the Conservatives in the elections in May.

Vincent Bailey has only had a Vale address this year, appearing on the Vale's register of electors for the first time in March 2017.

After living in the Vale for just a matter of weeks, does anybody in their right mind believe that this person is so powerful he can force the council to act on his chosen issues, as he has tried to tell us in the press and his newsletters?

I raised the issue of bins at White Farm Park with Coun Anthony Powell in February; it was he who successfully had temporary bins installed and he kindly provided me with copies of his email correspondence with Mr Punter who is a director on the council.

Mr Punter responded to Coun Powell on March 2 informing him that the bins were being replaced on

March 3. Well done Coun Powell.

The Conservatives ably assisted by Alun Cairns, would have us believe that it is down to their efforts.

Their latest newsletter pushed through my letterbox deliberately misleads over the emotive issue of the Biomass plant when it states: 'Sadly, Coun Anthony Powell did not vote against.'

What they did not say was that Coun Powell did not vote for it but abstained. Isn't it even more sad that every Conservative councillor present at that planning meeting supported the Biomass project and voted in favour of the Biomass application. Funny how the Conservatives forgot to mention that.

I do not think that they are the right people to represent us in the Vale. Do they think that Dyfan Ward residents are stupid?

Paul Watkins, Barry

Vincent Bailey, Dyfan Candidate for the Conservatives responded:

Dyfan residents deserve hardworking, energetic

and committed councillors representing them, and since Leighton and I were selected as candidates last year we have proven that we are willing to go the extra mile for the area.

There is no question that our efforts in conjunction with Alun Cairns to highlight issues around White Farm have helped to secure speedy improvements – from the installation of dog bins in the nearby park, to additional signage in parts of the estate. Our letters to the council and to the papers pressured the council to take action.

The same applies to our efforts in Highlight Park, which have led the council to undertake a survey of speeding issues on Lakin Drive.

On the incinerator, we are clear: we have long opposed it. It is regrettable that councillors of various parties voted for it. However, there was a Barry councillor in that meeting: Anthony Powell. Instead of opposing the incinerator, he abstained. He then voted against refusing planning permission. Dyfan residents elect people to take decisions and defend their interests – not to sit on the fence.

Secretary of State in training for London Marathon



Alun Cairns MP training at Barry Park Run with the BBC's David Cornock

VALE MP and Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns will be running his sixth London Marathon on April 23.

This year, Mr Cairns will be running the 26.2 mile course to fundraise for two charities, 'Heads Together' and the Vale branch of Age Connects, including the Friends and Neighbours group.

The total sum raised will be split equally and presented to the charities by the Vale MP later in the year.

Mr Cairns took the opportunity to run the Barry Island Park Run as training for the forthcoming marathon.

Completing the 5km course in 21.49 minutes, he commented: "I could not ask for a better way to set myself up for next Sunday than a run with the picturesque view of Barry Island."

"I have been overwhelmed by the support shown to me in the run up to this weekend's marathon. Not only by family, constituents and friends, but also those individuals whose lives have been touched by these two fantastic charities."

If you would like to donate to Mr Cairns' fundraising, you can do so on his Virgin Money Giving web page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairns>

Two older pooches looking for a home



SIX-year-old Lowmo and seven-year-old Rosie are boxers, and the best of friends who are looking for a home together.

Lowmo is a smart boy who will do anything for a tasty treat. He is a lovable pooch who enjoys nothing more than going for a good walk.

Rosie can be a little nervous when it comes to meeting new people, but her furry friend Lowmo helps boost her confidence.

Because of her sensitive nature, Rosie will require new owners to come to the Dogs Trust Bridgend centre for multiple visits so she can build up a bond and get to know them; once she does, she's an affectionate girl who loves company.

Rosie and Lowmo are dogs who love playing with their toys and having a good cuddle – definitely a pair for any Boxer fans out there. They are looking for a quiet home and can live with children over the age of eight.

To find out more, visit the website Dogs Trust Bridgend or you can always give us a call on 01656 725219.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(Y RHODFA (RHAN) GLANNAU'R BARRI (CAU FORDD) (DROS DRO) 2017

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ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio yn y lleoliad a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Cau Y Rhodfa, Glannau'r Barri o'r ffordd bengaead fwyaf gorllewinol sef cyfeirnod grid 311552 167553 i gyfeiriad y dwyrain at y gyffordd, sef cyfeiriad grid 311693 167569, i'r gorllewin o'r eiddo a adnabyddir fel Thornley House. Pellter o tua 145m.

Rheswm I alluogi gwneud gwaith adeiladu'n ddiogel wrth ymyl y briffordd.

Hyd O 08.00 am ar 2 ddydd Mai 2017 am ddim mwy na 18 mis

Llwybr Arall Gan mai ffordd bengaead yw hon ni ellir cynnig dargyfeiriad.

DS: Sicrhreir mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser ar hyd y droedffordd ddeheuol.

Dyddiedig 20 Ebrill 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfö. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(Y RHODFA (PART) BARRY WATERFRONT (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Y Rhodfa, Barry Waterfront closed from its westernmost cul-de-sac end at grid 311552 167553 in an easterly direction to the junction at grid 311693 167569 to the west of a property known as Thornley House. A distance of approximately 145m.

Reason To allow for building work to safely take place adjacent to the highway.

Duration From 08.00hrs on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 for a maximum period of 18 months

Alt. Route As this road is a cul-de-sac no diversion can be provided.

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times along the southern footway.

Dated this 20th day of April 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CAU Ffordd DROS DRO, ADUAN 16A DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIG Ffordd 1984

STATION APPROACH, PENARTH DIGWYDDIAD PICNIC PENARTH

SADWRN 29 EBRILL 2016

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi llunio gorchymyn o dan Adran 16A o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 fel isod:-

YN GYMAINT Â, yn ystod oriau penodol o'r dydd ar y dyddiad a nodir yng nghlofn 1 o'r Atodiad sydd ynghlwm, bydd y strydoedd neu ran ohonynt a restrir yng nghlofn 2 o'r cyfryw Atodiad yn cael eu defnyddio i gynnal y digwyddiad perthnasol a nodir yn adran 16(A)(1) o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984, ac mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r bwerau a roddir iddo o dan Adran 16A o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 **DRWY HYN YN GORCHYMYN AC YN RHOI CYFARWYDDYD**, er mwyn caniatáu cynnal y digwyddiad a galluogi i aelodau'r cyhoedd wyllo'r cyfryw ddigwyddiad, ac i ostwng yr amhariad ar y traffig sy'n debygol o gael ei achosi gan y digwyddiad, gweithredir y rheoliad isod:-

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Schedule

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Gwener 28 Ebrill 2017 tan Sul 30 Ebrill 2017	Station Approach, Penarth, o'r pwynt ger Rhif 1 Station Approach i ddiwedd ei bengaead. Ni fydd Gwryiad yn ei le	O 6.00pm dydd Gwener 28 Ebrill tan 9.00pm nos Sul 30 Ebrill

Caniateir mynediad i gerbydau brys drwy ffordd mynediad argyfwng penodedig.

Bydd mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig y 20 diwrnod o fis Ebrill 2017

M. E. Punter Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg Yr Alpau, Gwenfö CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

STATION APPROACH, PENARTH PENARTH PICNIC EVENT

SATURDAY 29th APRIL 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the days and dates specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said Schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of **Emergency Services Vehicles** between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 28th April 2017 To Sunday 30th April 2017	Station Approach Penarth, from a point adjacent to No 1 Station Approach to its cul-de-sac end. No Diversion will be in place	From 6.00pm on Friday 28th April Until 9.00pm on Sunday 30th April

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained via a defined emergency access route

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Dated this 20th day of April 2017

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End of the season approaches for Barry chess club

SINCE my last report a couple of weeks ago the Barry Chess Club has played a number of matches - I shall now review each individual division.

In Division 1 the Barry Bosons have been without a match for two weeks. We remain in fourth place however we are not immune from relegation.

We have two games left to play and need 2.5 points to secure our place at the top table. Surely this will not be beyond us!

In Division 2 the Barry Camelots have played two games. We played St John's College, returning home with a narrow victory courtesy of wins by Sam Jukes, Stephen Bonutto and Tom Cooke.

We then had a home match against North Cardiff Titans. We surprisingly lost this game by 3-2 with our points coming from wins by Tom Cooke and John

Stephenson. The result was not enough to save the Titans who are now relegated from this division with two matches left to play.

In fact the relegation issues have been resolved already and the Camelots know they will be in Division 2 next season.

The Barry Quarks in Division 3 had an excellent 4-1 victory over the Penarth Piers.

The points came from draws on the top two boards from John Stephenson and John Ryles with wins by Sam White, Peter Watkins and John Rees in his debut match in this division.

With two matches remaining we currently sit in fifth position. It is all still to play for as we are only 3-5 points behind the Crowns in third place.

We are also mathematically not secure either although with 41.5 points we would be unfortunate to be relegated.

In division 4 there was not a lot of excitement in our two matches. Both of them ended in 4.5-0.5 defeats. The only modicum of excitement came when we picked up our final player at Culverhouse Cross on our visit to Cardiff.

Team driver Ray Denyer decided to drive away before Dave Mahoney had squeezed into the back seat. His left foot was trailing along the road. We did stop to let him get in properly eventually!

For the Gambits the season started so brightly but without a win this year we have dropped down to sixth place in the league table and could drop even further unless we can get a result in our final game.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

New green is opened at the Barry Athletic Bowls Club



BARRY Athletic's 4Wood green was officially opened last weekend by a host of world stars from the world of bowls, boxing and politics.

World and Commonwealth star Ellen Falkner with Jamie and Natalie Chestney entertained the guests with a display of skills with their brightly coloured Aero Bowls, before the green was officially opened by the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns, and Lee Selby, current World IBF title holder.

Alun Cairns spoke positively about the work that had been done at the club over the winter and how he valued the work that Barry Athletic were doing to engage with the local schools to implement a junior development programme.

Ellen Falkner, CEO of Aero Bowls, also launched the new Aero Bowls Academy a specific youth development programme for 11-16-year-old bowlers which will be held on the greens this summer at Barry Athletic.

Lee Selby performed the unveiling of the new scoreboard at the 4Wood Green before he and Alun, under the watchful eye of Ellen Falkner, competed against each other in a one end shoot out, with Alun narrowly coming out on top.

All members and guests then retired to the pavilion for a complimentary buffet generously contributed by Jim Morgan, a Commonwealth Gold medallist himself, and a life member of the club.

The club now looks forward to a full competitive season of bowls starting with a fixture against neighbours Penarth Windsor this Saturday.

The club will also be providing taster sessions and coaching for any new members during the week.

New golf season kicks off for Brynhill ladies!



THE new ladies golfing season kicked off at Brynhill Golf Club on Tuesday, April 4 with a Rabbits and Tigers Stableford Foursomes competition over 18 holes.

It was won by Gemma Evans and Lisa Taylor with an impressive score of 34 points. Runners-up were Linda Hewlett and Sue Holland with 30 points.

The annual Easter Egg Stableford Competition took place on Tuesday, April 11 with 34 ladies taking part.

It was the first singles

18 hole competition of the season but luckily the sun shone and despite a brisk wind whipping up in the afternoon, all ladies enjoyed themselves.

The results were very close and after a countback, Liz Taylor won the coveted Easter Egg with 34 points over the back nine from Claire Downton.

Please contact the office manager, Nicky Duval, on 01446 720277 if you are interested in joining the ladies' section.

Pictured above is Liz Taylor (left) receiving her prize from the ladies' captain, Olwen Thomas.

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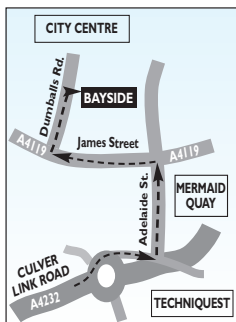
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Stud farm plays host to an engrossing point-to-point meeting

THERE were doubles for James Bowen and Bradley Gibbs at the Llangeinor & Pentyrch Hunt Steeplechases at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle near Bridgend where a large crowd were treated to seven point-to-point races and three pony races.

Sixteen-year-old James Bowen's double was initiated when his mother's Flying Eagle caught the Paul Hamer trained Equity Swap, who had tried to make every post a winning one, right on the line to gain a neck verdict.

The race lost a lot of its interest for backers of the odds-on King Massini who had unshipped Isabel Williams at the 11th fence.

The second leg of Bowen's double came when Sir Du Bearn, who had also been entered for the Lady Dudley Cup, benefited from the last fence fall of David Brace's Colorado Doc who had made every yard of the running under Bradley Gibbs and who would have been on a three-timer had the six-year-old son of Dr Massini negotiated the obstacle. "He chested the fence and flung me in the air," said his disappointed rider.

James Bowen said: "We came here rather than the Worcester meeting as I had a chance of riding two horses rather than the one at Worcester and I don't think that Sir Du Bearn would have won the Lady Dudley Cup."

The first of Gibbs's two winners came when David Brace's Dunraven Doc, who is also by Dr Massini, won the opening young horse maiden race by 12 lengths from the pacemaker.

Tucks Bergin ridden by Lorcian Williams who is enjoying a great season. Dunraven Doc, the only six-year-old in the race - the four others were five-year-olds - could find himself in the line-up for the David Brace sponsored Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunter Chase at Chepstow on April 28.

It was another David Brace and Dr Massini horse that gave Gibbs his second win in the Members, Subscribers & Farmers Race.

Jumping the last in front, six-year-old Pink Eyed Pedro, the youngest of the five runners, won by four lengths from Tiger Rag ridden by Richard Patrick. The winner's stable companion, Silver Token ridden by Charly Prichard, was a distant third.

Six went to post for the Ladies' Open Race and Keith Pritchard's nine-year-old bay mare Watch The Birdie gave Hannah Lewis her fifth win of the season when, after leading three

fences from home, went on to score by six lengths from the favourite Hold Court ridden by Isabel Williams.

Doctor Braveheart, the early leader ridden by Charly Prichard, was a further eight lengths back in third place. Watch The Birdie, who was in season when pulling up on her first run of the season at the Brecon and Talybont, could

also contest the Dunraven Bowl.

The longest priced winner of the day was 12-1 chance BackOfTheRock which was a 25 lengths winner of the Restricted under Wayne Maskill. Bought in Ireland last year by Dai Rees and trained by his partner Jane Jones, the eight-year-old bay gelding jumped the last alongside David Brace's Bracho which took a tumble.

"I had him beat," said Wayne, who also claimed that his mount had "... jumped like a buck and had loved the ground." The favourite January Don was another faller in this race.

John and Beryl Rees's nine-year-old bay gelding Ruperra Tom made most of the running to win the Open Maiden Race by 15 lengths from the favourite Classic Hit ridden by Richard Patrick. Winning rider, Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, said: "He was so quick over the fences and jumped really well." Ruperra Tom, the best turned out horse in the race, is trained by former Welsh champion rider Nick Williams at Ogmere on Sea.

BRIAN LEE

Girls' football festival sees over 200 take part

OVER 200 girls took part in the Vale primary girls football festival recently, as football once again demonstrated its increasing popularity amongst young Vale girls.

Jenner Park saw its pitches graced by 14 schools from the Vale, and 10 from Cardiff, as a range of 'non-competitive' matches took place throughout the day.

Organised by the Vale Council's sports and play development team, in partnership with Barry Town United Ladies FC, no scores or results were recorded throughout the matches, as the aim of the day was to create a fun and sociable environment in which the pupils could develop their skills and enjoy the games.

The organisers

commented on how they have seen the number of girls participating in football rise over the last academic year, something that they have been trying to achieve with other schemes offered to young girls across the Vale.

With Barry Town United Ladies' chairman already saying that an encouraging number of players have been in touch since hosting their largest school event to date, the number of girls taking part in football looks set to rise even more.

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New book by GEM's horse racing expert has sold out!

GEM columnist Brian Lee was delighted to hear from his publisher Ashley Drake of St David's Press that his recent book *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* has completely sold out and has had another print run.

Brian, who has been contributing to the pages of the Glamorgan GEM for many years, said: "The book has had some great reviews and Andrew King of the Racing Post described it as 'a cracking read which lifts the lid on notorious Welsh racing gambles'."

Chris Pitt of BOS Magazine wrote: "There is nobody more well-versed in the history of horseracing in Wales than Brian Lee, who has worked as a racing correspondent for some 50 years," and goes on to say: "With Lee being the well-respected doyen of point-to-point correspondents, there is no-one better qualified to relate the tales."

John Scanlan of the Kingsley Klarion wrote: "This book is very easy to read. The stories are told in a punchy and informative fashion," and goes on to say that "... It's a cracking good read -

especially for readers with a Welsh connection."

Brian, aged 80, said: "Some of the characters who appear in the pages of this little book of mine hail from the Vale, which is understandable as the area is big on horse racing."

Mr Lee added: "My publisher would like me to compile another book on Welsh horse racing in general, including point-to-point and flapping, so if there is anyone with stories and photographs, press cuttings, etc, I would be pleased to hear from them."

"My e-mail address is brianlee4@virginmedia.com or telephone 02920 736438."

TIM'S TOWCESTER WINNER

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan landed the opening Handicap Hurdle at Towcester last Thursday with his nine-year-old Honey Pound which won by a neck from Lambeau Field in an exciting finish.

Honey Pound, which carried joint top weight of 11st 12lbs, was a 4-1 chance and was ridden by 3lb claimer Alan Johns, who has had a cracking season.

LONG TRIP PAYS OFF
Aberthin's Tim Vaughan's course and distance winner

Officer Hoolihan made the long trip to Carlisle on Saturday and, running for the first time in 184 days, was a two lengths winner of the opening TotePlacePot Novices' Hurdle under stable jockey Alan Johns. But backers of the seven-year-old wouldn't have made much money as it was returned the 2-5 favourite.

JANUARY DON
I have been rightly taken to task for not mentioning January Don in my recent report of the Ystrad Taf Fechan meeting at Ystradowen.

For the record, owned and trained by Bridgend builder Roger Willcox and ridden by the promising Ben Jones, son of former Welsh champion rider Dai Jones, January Don won the young horse open maiden race after jumping well throughout the two-and-a-half miles to come home 12 lengths clear of Ollies Boy ridden by Bradley Gibbs.

The only other runner Stellar Massini, partnered by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, was a further five lengths away in third and last place. The race was a qualifier for the Goffs Spring Sales Point-To-Point Bumper (National Hunt flat race).

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Barrivale Bridge Club results



THE 30th Barrivale AGM was held on April 11, and three members of the committee retired, among them Judith Owen who has served the club as treasurer for the last 20 years (pictured above).

Following the AGM the club members enjoyed a team event with a break for the usual excellent food and wine prepared by the new chairman, Mick Green.

The team event was won by Mark Roderick, Jenny Vaughan, Linda Houston and June Reeves (pictured above right) - IMPS 40, and in second and third place respectively were Mike Close, Dave Thomas, Kay Dyer and Sean MacDougall - IMPS 24, and Irene Thomas, Peter Millar, Celia and Huw Thomas - IMPS 8.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, telephone 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 9, Liberals 6; Wyndham Cons 7, Moors Boys 8; West End Runaways 6, Rhosoe Social 9.

League table: Rhosoe Social 180, Liberals 177, Moors Boys 164, Wyndham Cons 162, West End Runaways 151, West End 146, Cadoxton Cons 145.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 4, Sea View B 3; Rhosoe Social A 2, Allsorts 5; Rhoosters 6, Liberals C 1; Cambrian Flyers 6, Slammers 1; Barries Boys 1.5, King William XII 5.5; Liberals A 5, Rhosoe Social C 2; West End C 6, West End D 1.

League table: West End C 107, West End D 95, Sea View B 93, King William XII 91, Allsorts 87, Rhoosters 83, Rugby Club 79.5, Barries Boys 74.5, Rhosoe Social C 74.5, Rhosoe Social B 72.5, Slammers 72.5, Liberals C 67.5, Cambrian Flyers

63, Rhosoe Social A 62, Liberals A 54.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhosoe Social C 3, Penarth Cons A 2; Services Social B 3, Wyndham Cons A 2; Cadoxton Cons B 1, Savoy A 4; Cadoxton Cons Z 2, West End C 3; Penarth Cons B 3, Rhosoe Social B 2.

League table:

Harbour B 97, Savoy A 96, Cadoxton Cons Z 73, Wyndham Cons A 63, West End C 60, Cadoxton Cons B 59, Penarth Cons A 51, Rhosoe Social B 51, Penarth Cons B 42, Services Social B 39, Rhosoe Social C 39.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 4, Harbour A 1; Liberators 2, Market Street B 3; Savoy B 4, Wyndham Cons C 1; Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; West End A 1, West End B 4.

League table: Savoy B 78, Liberators 76, Market Street B 72, Wyndham Cons C 69, Cadoxton Cons A 64, Harbour A 63, Market Street C 60, West End B 54, Sully Sports A 46, Wyndham Cons D 44, West End A 44 (* = points deducted).

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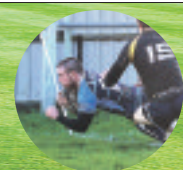
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AFTER 13 YEARS OF HURT... Barry Town United are making their return to Welsh Premier League!



PROMOTION ACHIEVED!

ABOVE: The dream became reality on Tuesday night as Barry Town United achieved promotion to the Welsh Premier League, a triumph not just for the players and management but for all who supported the club through the testing times of recent years. ALL PICTURES BY SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY

BARRY TOWN UNITED'S Welsh Premier League dream became a reality on Tuesday night, as the club put an end to a 13-year absence to clinch their long-awaited return to the national top flight.

A crowd of almost 650 watched the Town beat Goytre United at Jenner Park, their 3-0 victory securing the three points needed for promotion, with two games spare.

Goytre had beaten Barry at Glanhafod Park in the teams' previous meeting, but found themselves swept away by an irresistible first-half performance, Luke Cooper firing into the roof of the net to put the Town ahead, before Tyrell Webbe headed in their second.

When Drew Fahiya tucked away a penalty to make it three, it was clear the night would belong to Barry, and after seeing out the second half unblemished, Gavin Chesterfield's squad can now look forward to meetings with WPL mainstays Bangor City, Aberystwyth Town and champions The New Saints next season.

The tone for Tuesday night's win was set last Saturday when the team went goal crazy on Saturday, recording what is thought to be their third biggest win in over 100 years of football, beating relegated Risca United 11-0.

It was the first time the first team had hit double figures since a 12-0 thrashing of Cemaes

Ynys Mon in April 1998. Gavin Chesterfield's players rose to the occasion, putting together their largest win ever under his stewardship, while handing their goal difference a sizeable boost in the process.

After forward Drew Fahiya headed home to break the deadlock, teammate Jordan Cotterill reached into his bag of tricks to unleash another superlative effort, adding to a season's worth of majestic goals from the former Ely Rangers marksman.

With Fahiya making it three and TJ Nagi dispatching a penalty, Barry were out of sight by the interval, but it was the second half that saw the floodgates open, as hungry Town resoundingly staked their claim for a Welsh Premier League berth.

After Nagi, whose re-emergence as an attacking force has been vital to the club's current campaign, put the home side 5-0 up, Cotterill headed home his second, before Nagi finished off a delightful passing move to complete his hat-trick. Not to be outdone, Fahiya headed in his own claim for the matchball, making the score 8-0 in Barry's favour, before defender Luke Cooper surged forward to score a goal of his own, equalling the 9-0 win over Pontypridd Town in March 2014.

Lee Baldock then hit the net to ensure Barry made it to double figures for the first time this century, before Tyrell Webbe put the icing on the cake with the 11th, celebrating in a style

befitting of this extraordinary result.

Among the hundreds on hand to see history made at Jenner Park, as well as an 18th clean sheet of the season for goalkeeper Mike Lewis, were the family of long-serving shotstopper Trevor Nott, whose memory was honoured before the match.

As it was, Saturday's result would be another fitting tribute; Nott had been the Town's first choice goalkeeper in the 1984-85 season, as they completed their biggest ever victory, a 13-0 home win over Milford United in the same division.

This Saturday, Barry travel to Cambrian and Clydach Vale in a 2.30pm kick-off, looking to mount a final push for their first Division One silverware since 1994.

AC

Barry RFC keep winning run going

BARRY RFC stretched their unbeaten run to six games as they eased past a committed Penarth side in last Saturday's local derby.

As in each of the previous two games, Barry got off to a flying start and within six minutes had taken a 10 point lead through a penalty and conversion by Baross to add to a well-worked try from O'Sullivan.

The restart saw Barry penalised to give the home team their first points of the afternoon, but it was Barry who came back onto the attack and after a neat chip had taken play to within five metres of the line, they had opportunities from a scrum and a lineout to increase the lead but on both occasions the ball didn't go hand and the chance was gone.

At the other end Penarth missed a penalty with the ball hitting the upright and the Barry clearance took the game back into home territory.

A charging run by Hollister gained even more ground but as the ball was spread, Penarth turned the ball over to relieve the pressure, and with a penalty also awarded in their favour they found themselves just short of the Barry line.

Driving the lineout, the Penarth pack cleverly confused the Barry defence and strolled over for an easy try which, although unconverted, put them right back in the game at 10-8.

Penarth had by this stage tightened both their defence and scrummage and with neither side gaining any ascendancy, chances were few and far between with neither side able to get on top.

Overall Barry still looked the more likely to score but they were also guilty of handling errors which saw promising moves breaking down and opportunities gone.

On half-time, a huge Barry drive at the scrum took Penarth over their line but rather than award a try, the referee saw fit to penalise them for an infringement.

Most of the first half chances had come Barry's way and with a little luck and more accuracy could, and perhaps should, have been more than just a couple of points in front at half-time.

Barry changed Oaten for Moyle as the second half kicked off, but it was Penarth who made the early running

with their scrum now solid, giving them a platform to attack these efforts being wasted still by handling errors.

A penalty for Barry for an early scrummage push took play some 50 metres downfield. The attack from the lineout resulted in a further penalty and Baross made no mistake to give them a lead of five points.

Things were becoming a bit scrappy when out of the blue a break out of defence took play downfield where Miles carried the move on and found Scott on his shoulder to cross for a good try, which again Baross converted, and the score moved to 20-8 in Barry's favour.

Within minutes they had increased their lead as Penarth spilled the ball in midfield, allowing the marauding Moyle to pick up and cross for the try and with Baross again adding the extras, Barry had scored 14 points in a few minutes to give them a decisive lead.

Penarth were still fighting hard to get back into the game but never really challenged the Barry defence, and it their defence being called on as Barry moved the ball again and again.

The pressure finally told as Barry recycled the ball well creating space for White to cross wide out for the try which went unconverted but moved the score to 32-8 as the game neared its end.

Marc Devine came on for his first game since suffering a major injury in the club's warm-up match in August, and it was good to see him back, if just for a little while.

Credit is due to Penarth as they kept trying and committed hugely to the game in which had passes stuck, the scoreline could have looked completely different.

As it was, the game drifted to a close with no further scores.

With two games to go Barry are in fourth place in the league. The next game is on April 29 when they travel to their nearest challengers Aberdare with a coach leaving the club at 12.30pm.

The following Saturday the final game is at home against Gilfach Goch, again with a 2.30pm kick off.

The lottery numbers for last week were 04, 06, 10 and 17, which again could not be matched, so this week's jackpot will be £4,430.

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BARRY ATHLETIC BEAT SULLY IN CUP AT THIRD TIME OF ASKING!

AT the third time of asking, due to two waterlogged postponements, Barry Athletic finished this epic battle against Sully Sports the stronger to reach the final of the Supporters' Cup.

Sully started the game quickly and found themselves with an early fifth minute lead when a long free kick was sent into the Athletic penalty area.

A Sully player met the ball first and nodded over the Athletic keeper. It wasn't until the 41st minute that Athletic levelled.

Linford Harris weaved his way through the Sully defence only to be tripped by the Sully keeper. Referee Chris Bowsher immediately awarded a penalty and a yellow card. Captain Spencer Price stepped up and gave the Sully keeper no chance from

the spot kick.

In the second half it was Sully who went ahead again when a long clearance from their own box found their goalscorer after a huge bounce caught out the Athletic defence.

Athletic managers Jeff Howells and Matthew Venton reshuffled the pack with time running out knowing that they needed something special to reach the final.

A well-deserved equaliser came in the 82nd minute when Ryan Hales was brought down just outside the box.

Hales floated the resulting free kick over everybody, knowing centre back Lewis Marsh was in acres of space. Marsh delivered with a superb half-volley into the roof of the net to send the game into extra-time.

After a goalless first half

Athletic were growing in confidence and Sully were tiring. Superb work from Ady Gratton, winning the ball in midfield, saw him drive into the Sully defence before switching play to release Hales out wide.

Hales' first time ball into the six yard box was met by striker Dan Morgan who calmly finished to send the Athletic into the final, the final score 3-2.

The final will be played at Jenner Park on Sunday, April 23 against SP Billy - kick-off is 2.15pm and entrance is £1.

Barry Athletic: Chris Simpson, Billy Gratton, Lewis Marsh, Ady Gratton, Mark Kingdon, Ben Graham, Isaac Farrag, Spencer Price (c), Ben Pearce, Linford Harris, Ryan Hales, Dan Morgan, Anton Williams.

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Drew Fahiya's penalty made it 3-0 on the night.